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Spooky school



The wolfman was one of many ghouls and goblins at the Madison Middle School haunted house on Thursday night.

Hearing set for TIF addition

Village officials considering new financing district

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A public hearing on a second tax increment financing

district in Pontoon Beach has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 28 at Village Hall.

Pontoon Beach village officials are creating the exception to a second tax increment financing district to attract business northeast of the Illinois Route 111 and Interstate 270 interchange.

"If you take a look around, if there is growth going on there is a TIF along with it."

Jim Denham
Mayor

The proposed TIF district would be approximately 650 acres, and would include the Gateway 270 Commerce

Park now under development, as well as additional properties nearby.

"We want growth off here," Mayor Jim Denham said. "Let's take a look around. If there is growth going on there is a TIF along with it."

That area is expected to develop as office space and small warehouse units.

Previously, village officials said the actual TIF area would probably be smaller when completed, but

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Local nightclub under fire by Vincent

Underage drinking, reckless driving, trash problems cited

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Complaints about underage drinkers and other problems at Brewski's, a night club/restaurant in Pontoon Beach, led to an argument between the owner and Trustee Bob Vincent.

Brewski's, which opened about five months ago as a nightclub, but only recently received approval to open the restaurant portion of the business, is located in the former Shooters 270 building at 77 Chouteau Trace Parkway. Bars at that location have had a history of

"I've had two mothers call me about their daughters leaving there."

Gary Wallace
Police chief

problems with residents in the adjoining neighborhoods, where Vincent lives.

At Tuesday's Village Board meeting, Trustee Mike Scaterra said he was planning on "College Nights" on Thursdays, when 18-year-olds are allowed in the bar,

in an attempt to stop problems, he said. Chief Gary Wallace said Thursday that he has had several complaints about underage drinking.

"I've had two mothers call me about their daughters leaving there," he said.

In one case, a 16-year-old SUIE student was pulled over and charged with DUI after leaving the bar.

Wallace said it appeared that bartenders were selling the underage alcohol to the underage drinkers, but it was friends who were buying drinks for them.

"I can't stop a lot of things, but I can stop that," Scaterra said.

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Search begins for woman's heirs

Will-being contested due to death circumstances

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The hunt has begun for heirs of a Pontoon Beach woman who left her estate to the woman accused of killing her in 1992.

Attorneys involved in the probate case of the late Olive Marie Apponey, 86, agreed Wednesday in Madison County Circuit

"You can't presumably cause someone's death and then collect from it."

Steve Stobbs
Attorney

Court to seek out potential heirs before proceeding with

what is likely to be a hotly contested trial about the woman's final will.

The court will not need to get far. A Roxana woman and her sister, nieces of the Apponey, filed claims on the estate in 1993 and still are interested in the case.

The two women, whose names are Keith D. and Carolyn Sue Kramer of Pontoon Beach, as the sole beneficiaries. They are the husband

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Mother angered at child's three-day class suspension

7-year-old brought nail clippers/file to school

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

The mother of a 7-year-old Granite City boy who has been suspended for three days for bringing a nail clipper to

school is angered by the severity of punishment her son received.

"I'm disgusted," Joyce

"He should be getting an education, not being kicked out of school."

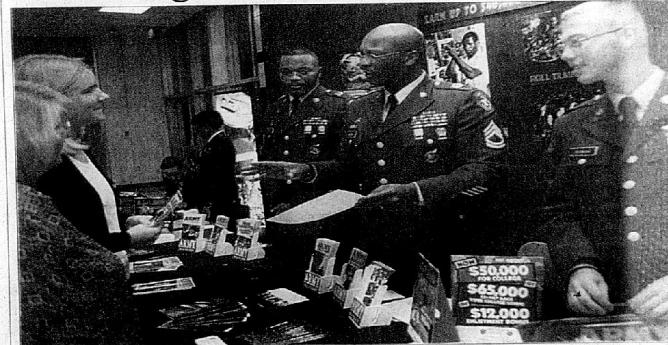
Joyce Madden
Mother

Madden said, "He should be getting an education, not being kicked out of school." He said he understand that a nail clipper could be considered dangerous.

Derek Moss, a second grader, was sent home from school on Wednesday morning after a custodian observed him displaying the nail clipper at a

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Checking out career paths



Jessica Harper, a junior at Granite City Sr. High, and her mother, Connie, talk to Army representatives SSG Curry, SFC Hopkins and PFC Denson during College Night Wednesday evening.

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Gas leak threatens lunch hour

Broken gas line causes concern in Edwardsville

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

METRO EAST
A potentially dangerous gas leak at a fast-food restaurant caused a few anxious moments for area motorists and businesses gearing up for the high-traffic lunch hour Wednesday.

The Edwardsville Fire Department responded to the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant at 1111 Alton St. at 11:41 a.m. after receiving a report about a broken gas line.

"We were very fortunate. This could have been a very dangerous situation," Fire Chief Jim Karlechik said.

Karlechik said a crew doing maintenance work on the roof of the restaurant dropped a heat exchanger, breaking a regulator off the restaurant's gas meter. He said the stench of mercaptan, the chemical added to natural gas to give it an identifying odor, could be smelled for most of a block.

"By a stroke of luck, an Illinois Power worker was in the area, so his response time was about three minutes," Karlechik said. "We also had extremely good cooperation from the Police Department, who blocked off traffic and began evacuating

everyone for about a one-half-block radius.

Police cars diverted traffic around the intersection of South Buchanan and Schwarz streets until the leak was capped. Officers also evacuated four nearby businesses - Amoco Quick Six, Pizza Hut, KFC, Frozen Custard and The Cyclery - as a safety precaution. Shortly after police

"We were very fortunate. This could have been a very dangerous situation."

Mike Karlechik
Fire Chief

started to go house-to-house to evacuate residents near the restaurant, the fire department gave the "all clear," Karlechik said.

Pizza Hut Manager Janet Hiles said the evacuation caused a disruption in her customers' dining, but she was thankful the situation was resolved quickly.

"We were evacuated for a total of about six minutes," Hiles said. "By the time we got everybody out, and we came back to turn on the ovens, left and locked doors,

I walked down to Farm Fresh, and they said everyone had already left."

She said the leak started just after the restaurant opened and their lunch buffet started, so the main force of the lunch rush had not arrived yet.

"It was right around noon, so we had just opened. We had about a dozen people in the restaurant, but it could have been much worse," Hiles said. "A couple of people didn't leave, but that was the only interesting part. Everyone that was here was very gracious about it."

Ann Colter, an employee at The Cyclery, said the experience was more startling than frightening.

"It was really interesting. We had a guy out on a test ride when they came in and told us we have to leave now," Colter said. "When we asked if we could do things around the outside, he said, 'We just told us, 'Leave now.' So we got everyone out of the store. There was a really strong gas smell in the air, but we were only out of the store for about 10 minutes."

Karlechik said the strong breeze was another lucky factor, helping the gas dissipate easily once the leak was stopped.

After the scare ended, it was business as usual for the other stores, but Jack-in-the-Box remained closed until 1:30 p.m.

Kids-N-Art 2000 scheduled to begin in November

Workshop series will be hosted by various libraries throughout the area

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A series of one-hour arts workshops will give children in Madison and St. Charles counties hands-on experience in a variety of activities ranging from watercolor to photography.

The workshops, the Kids-N-Art 2000, will be held at various libraries throughout the area.

The workshops are scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. once a month from November to June, but not December. Workshop series is sponsored by the Madison County Arts Council, the Illinois Arts Council, Ameritech, Target and Shell Oil.

It's basically to acquaint kids at this young age with various techniques of art," MCAC Board member Jared

"We think that anything that tests the artistic ability of a child will make them better students."

Jared Hennings
MCAC Board member

Hennings said, "By offering such a wide range, hopefully something will catch fire with them."

The workshops will cover

areas including watercolor, cartooning, sandpaper pointillism, hand colored black and white photography and three dimensional art.

Hennings said that by giving students a chance to be creative, it might help them in other areas.

"We think that anything that tests the artistic ability of a child will make them better students," he said. Participating libraries include:

Granite City Branch Library, second Tuesday, 2145 Johnson Road, 452-6244.
Edwardsville Public Library, second Wednesday, 112 S. Kansas, 692-7556.
Fairview Heights Public

Library, third Wednesday, 10017 Bunkum Road, 398-6586.

Columbia Public Library, fourth Wednesday, 108 N. Metter, 281-3780.
Bellefonte Public Library, first Thursday, 121 E. Washington, 234-0441.

O'Fallon Public Library, second Thursday, 120 Civic Plaza, 632-3783.
Collinsville Public Library, third Friday, 408 W. Main, 344-1112.

The cost is \$30 per child for a seven-session workshop. If a family joins MCAC, they can attend two workshops free.

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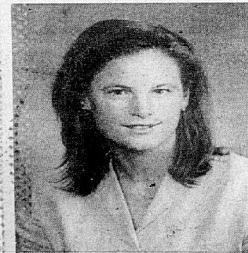
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Seventeen attorneys competing for judgeship

Area lawyers enter election for single 3rd Circuit seat

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Seventeen attorneys have thrown their hats in the ring for the next available associate judgeship in the 3rd Judicial Circuit.

They have applied for a position that will come open at year's end with the retirement of Wendell Durr of Edwardsville.

The winning candidate must get the vote of at least five of the nine circuit judges, otherwise a runoff election is necessary.

The candidates are:

• Miss Margaret Albert Fritz of Godfrey, a sole practitioner in Brighton.

• Larry Alan Calvo, a lawyer and resident of Granite City.

• Thomas William Chapman, a lawyer and resident of Granite City.

• John P. Fleissman, who lives and works in Highland.

• Allen Fletcher Gilliard Jr., of Madison, an attorney in Edwardsville.

• Susan F. Grammer, of Edwardsville, an attorney in East Alton.

• Randy S. Hale, a lawyer in East Alton.

• John Hayes, of Glen Carbon, a lawyer in Edwardsville.

• David Alan Hylla, of Granite City, a lawyer in East Alton.

• Mary Lloyd Lowe, who lives and works in Springfield.

• Amy Maher, of Troy, an assistant for Madison County state's attorney.

• Douglas Marti, an attorney and resident of Granite City.

• Ralph J. Mendelsohn, of Glen Carbon, an assistant public defender and private practice attorney in Godfrey.

• Douglas B. McKeegan, of St. Louis, a sole practitioner in Granite City.

• Rodney Pitts, of Alton, who has a practice in Wood River.

• Edwin Lee Potter, an attorney and resident of Highland.

• Greg E. Roosevelt, of Glen Carbon, an attorney in Edwardsville.

Some of the applicants, like Albert-Fritz, are first-time challengers. Others, including Grammer, Hale, Mendelsohn and Pitts, have run several times.

Chapman, the son of 5th District Appellate Judge Charles Chapman, was vice president of the observatory as a strong candidate during the early balloting to fill the spot vacated by Associate Judge Michael Meehan. The job instead went to Clarence Harrison II of Collinsville.

Balloots should be received this week from the Illinois Administrative Office of the Courts, a division of the State Supreme Court, according to a spokeswoman for Chief Judge Andy Matosian. Once they are received, the ballots must be filled out and returned within 14 days.

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Felonies

The following felonies were recently filed in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County:

Willie Miles, 29, was charged with aggravated battery for an incident Oct. 29 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Miles allegedly used a deadly weapon, a bludgeon, to hit a man. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Douglas Smith, 29, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Oct. 28 by the Collinsville Police Department. Smith allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Tamara Sue Marsala, 35, Kevin M. Reeder, 27, and Robert G. Foster, 46, were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Oct. 27 by the SIEU Police Department. Marsala allegedly altered a temporary registration permit for a 1989 Ford Escort. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

Oct. 29 by the Collinsville Police Department. The three had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond for each of the three was set at \$15,000.

Heather L. Craig, 19, was charged with unlawful possession of a Person with Disability Parking Decal for an incident Oct. 22 by the SIEU Police Department. Craig allegedly knowingly possessed the decal without authority. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

Juanita J. Moore, 19, was charged with unlawful altering of a temporary registration permit for an incident Oct. 27 by the SIEU Police Department. Moore allegedly altered a temporary registration permit for a 1989 Ford Escort. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

Stacey T. Samuels, 20, was charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm for an incident Oct. 16 by the Venice Police Department. Samuels allegedly discharged a handgun toward a motor vehicle knowing that it was occupied by three individuals. His bond was set at \$75,000.

Charlie Edwards, 55, was charged with criminal sexual assault for an incident Oct. 23 by the Venice Police Department. Edwards allegedly committed an act of sexual penetration by use of force on a woman. His bond was set at \$75,000.

Jeffrey T. Weeks, 27, was charged with criminal damage to property over \$300 for an incident Oct. 26 by the Collinsville Police Department. Weeks allegedly damaged a 1998 Jeep Cherokee without the consent of the owner. His bond was set at \$20,000.

Isadore Grant, 29, was charged with three counts of forgery for an incident Aug. 5 by the Collinsville Police Department. Grant allegedly tried to pass three forged checks worth

\$1,357.48 at Shop-N-Save in Collinville. His bond was set at \$50,000.

James B. Ponder, 34, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident June 10 by the Madison Police Department. Ponder allegedly possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Vickie D. Francis, 37, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident June 8 by the Madison Police Department. Francis allegedly possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

Cindy M. Granger, 38, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident July 13 by the Madison Police Department. Granger allegedly possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Thomas M. Embrich, 44, was charged with unlawful use of weapons for an incident Oct. 26 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Embrich allegedly carried a loaded 9mm High Point handgun in his motor vehicle while not on his own property. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Arthur D. Oberle, 57, was charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse for incidents from January 1992 through June 1998 by the Granite City Police Department. Oberle allegedly committed an act of sexual conduct while he was over the age of 17 on a female under the age of 13, for the purpose of sexual gratification. His bond was set at \$75,000.

Man arrested after courthouse clash

Walter Alford of Madison attacks wife's attorney in county courtroom

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A Madison County judge's panic button prevented

potential harm Thursday during a bitter divorce case erupted into a clash between a man and his wife's attorney.

Walter Alford, 55, of Madison, faces multiple charges after the run-in with Barbara Sherer, 48, a second-floor courtroom at the Madison County Courthouse.

A report from the Madison County Sheriff's

going to get you," the report said.

He then advanced on Sherer, backing her into a wall with his fist in her face. Sherer told Deputy Ray Botterbusch that she turned and ran behind the judge's bench and out the back of the courtroom, where she ended up in the nearby chambers of Associate Judge Barbara Crowder, who activated a panic button signaling courthouse security.

Crowder was scheduled to hear the case but was not present during the courtroom exchange.

Alford did not follow Sherer out of the courtroom, heeding his attorney's pleas to get out into the hallway outside the courtroom, the report said.

"The blank look that Alford had that would make you think he was dangerous went away after Barb had left the room," Vasileff told the reporter.

Alford still was upset and struggled with Botterbusch as he was being detained. He eventually was charged with resisting arrest, obstructing a police officer and aggravated assault, a report said.

Don Briddick, chief of courthouse security, said there are panic buttons for 48 response points in the courthouse that were installed last year. Deputies have been required to respond to serious situations only a few times.

"Most of the time, the client will listen to his attorney. Most of the time, the attorney can calm him down."

Don Briddick
Chief of courthouse security

Department indicates that Alford was in the courtroom with his attorney, Victoria Morris, of Granite City, and Sherer, talking about money issues involved in the pending divorce from his wife, Irene, who was not present.

Suddenly, Alford stood up and pointed at Sherer and said, "Lady, I have about had it with you, and I am

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Letters to the Editor

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Hepatitis outbreak shows wisdom of simple practice

The recent rash of Hepatitis A cases in the metropolitan St. Louis area clearly demonstrates that key rule of childhood etiquette is being ignored.

Wash your hands.

It's rude to show up at the dinner table with dirty hands. Unfortunately, the consequences are more serious when the people with the dirty hands are the ones who prepared the food.

People can get sick. Luckily, the complications from this week's case in Granite City, a previous one in Caseyville and three others in St. Louis have been minimal. That's to the credit of both restaurant and health department staff.

Health officials, who have acted quickly to provide immune globulin injections, say the most effective way to prevent the spread of the virus is to wash the hands thoroughly after using the bathroom.

That's not good manners. It's common sense.

This is particularly true when the next thing you touch will become part of someone else's lunch or dinner.

As a precaution, Missouri health officials are requiring the use of plastic gloves by food handlers. It's a requirement that could not only stave off Hepatitis cases but might minimize the power of cold and flu bugs so prevalent this time of year. Illinois officials should consider similar action.

Clipper incident complicated

One thing needs to be made clear right from the start: If you or I tried to sue the Federal Court House in East St. Louis with the same "mail clipper" a 7-year-old student took to school in Cahokia we would not get in the door.

On the so-called "mail clipper" wouldn't be confiscated and the person carrying it wouldn't be arrested. But the federal marshals would think that the "mail clipper" would have to be left outside.

Another thing that needs to be made clear is the 7-year-old Cahokia student, while he apparently did not threaten anyone or brandish his "mail clipper," apparently made it clear he knew of the "mail clipper's" potential as a weapon.

Perfectly clear, the Cahokia School District's zero-tolerance policy for weapons in school, a policy-based on Illinois law, calling for expulsion from school.

What remains murky, and likely will remain murky, is the meaning of the decision of the hearing officer following the hearing mandated by the disciplinary policy. Did the incident was a symptom indicating the child suffers from a learning or behavioral disorder and therefore falls under the federal special education rules governing students with learning or behavioral disabilities and the so-called "mail clipper" does not meet the federal criteria for weapons and, in addition, federal policy called for suspension rather than expulsion.

The Cahokia School District did not dispute this argument. Once the special education issue was raised, the district decided the game had moved to the federal government's court and would be played by federal rules. We'll see until an evaluation of the student's needs changes that assessment.

Following the hearing the child returned to school. The child has begun the process of being evaluated for special education needs. Until it is completed, the child will be allowed to remain in his regular classroom. Eventually, the child's parent declined tutoring during the time he was out of school, the district has arranged makeup for the missed schoolwork.

The Cahokia School District proved it is willing to bend over backwards to look out for the interests of one of its students. Well it should be.

In a post-Columbine world, however, one must wonder whether the interests of the 5,009 or so other students in Cahokia are getting the same strong protection from the federal school system.

Witnesses, parents and teachers shared behind closed doors are, school administrators and teachers, horror stories of students who have "beaten" the zero-tolerance drug possession policies in school by contending the drug use is symptomatic of a learning or behavior disorder under the federal rules and therefore not a disciplinary issue.

I alone take great imagination to see the possibility of the same thing happening in the case of weapons.

As much as one wants every child with a problem to receive the help he or she needs, someday, somewhere, there will be a child who is not ill but just flat-out bad, and who needs, not treatment, but punishment.

When that child comes along, do we really want him or her staying in class with our sons and daughters because "some issues must be resolved before any final action" concerning his or her punishment?

Legislation would help hospitals

By U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin

In late September, I visited the emergency ward/trauma unit at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. OSF is the largest medical center in downstate Illinois and serves as the teaching hospital for the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.

During my visit, one of the pediatric intensive care unit nurses told me how important medical residents are to modern emergency room care. She related that one recent night while she was on duty, three severe cardiac incidents occurred at the same time in the emergency room. She said without the residents, the emergency staff might not have been able to treat many of those patients.

Peoria is a long way from Washington, D.C., but emergency room services at OSF Saint Francis and all across Illinois may be directly affected by a bill Congress passed known as the BBA.

The BBA sought to preserve and strengthen the Medicare program by making it more efficient and expanding some preventive health benefits to seniors. The good news is the life of the Medicare Trust Fund has been extended until 2015. But some of the law's cuts have been unintentionally harsh.

The cuts originally were estimated to produce \$112 billion in Medicare savings over five years, but the Congressional Budget Office now estimates that Medicare spending will decline by \$206 billion.

Hospitals all across America are in danger of closing if some of these cuts are not lessened. That's why we introduced legislation, "The Health Care Preservation Act," which provides targeted relief to those

providers hit the hardest so that they can continue to provide health care. My legislation, S. 1582, would reduce the estimated \$112 billion to hospitals and other providers by freezing some of the cuts. I have outlined below how my legislation would help different health care providers.

Because rural hospitals have been hit hard by the Medicare cuts in BBA. Teaching hospitals like OSF Saint Francis provide high-quality medical care and often serve the most medically challenging patients. They train the future health care providers and provide a significant amount of charity care. My bill would restore funding for these two functions of teaching hospitals.

Besides rural hospitals generally are more dependent on Medicare than urban providers, the cuts have had a disproportionate effect on rural areas. S. 1582 helps prevent large losses for rural hospitals by setting a floor on outpatient hospital payments that won't fall below 1998 levels and establishes a new payment system for rural health centers.

Safety net providers, including community health centers, provide care to underserved populations, in both rural and inner city areas, including millions of Americans lacking health insurance.

S. 1582 revises the community health center payment system so it more adequately covers the costs of directly compensates providers for services to low-income Americans.

The BBA saved money by arbitrarily limiting rehabilitation services for the sickest beneficiaries. More than 25 percent of Medicare patients receiving rehabilitation

services will reach a cap of \$1,500 and not receive adequate treatment this year. S. 1582 eliminates this cap and replaces it with a payment system based on the severity of illness.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has conducted a general research study on the early effects of the new payment system for skilled nursing services on beneficiary access to care. This study indicates that patients with special needs are having difficulty accessing skilled nursing care due to the change in the payment system. S. 1582 increases reimbursement for those patients to more accurately reflect the cost of their care.

S. 1582 also helps seniors and persons with disabilities who suddenly have been dumped by Medicare + Choice plans and left without adequate health insurance, giving them more opportunities to re-enroll in a Medigap policy or to switch to another Medicare + Choice plan. It also prohibits Medigap insurers from increasing premiums for seniors just because they've grown older, a practice that leaves many seniors unable to afford the rising premiums just when they need it.

No Medicare revisions would be complete without working to reduce the billions of Medicare dollars lost every year to fraud and abuse. S. 1582 includes fraud prevention measures introduced earlier in this Congress by Senators Collins, Grassley and me.

The 1997 budget cuts were intended to strengthen Medicare, not weaken our hospitals. Congress should not adjourn until we have taken steps to preserve access to health care facilities.

Opinions



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Letters to the editor

Nameoki and Chouteau Townships should be left alone

TO THE EDITOR:
This is an open letter to Granite City Mayor Ron Selph.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

When will you get the picture? People don't want to live in Granite City. But that does not give you the right to just keep taking them. You quoted the media in a paper last year saying, "Granite City doesn't practice forced annexations." But yet, look at what happened. More innocent people succumbed to a city's ironclad grip on the lives of citizens.

What happened to democracy, Ron, and the voice of America's people? Have you forgotten what country you live in? This is not what our forefathers had intended. It is what they fought against. The war against you and your peers to whom your home is far from over. Eventually, justice will prevail, and the rights of people in Nameoki and Chouteau Township will be recognized and counted.

R. T. STACOFF
Mitchell

Domestic violence cycle continues

TO THE EDITOR:
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and I have noticed recent articles relating to this topic in

the daily and weekly papers.

I read the article titled "Anti-violence group awarded \$250,000" by your Belleville staff writer Christopher England in the Oct. 20 edition and feel that it is money well spent. I strongly agree! Because I am one of the lucky ones. I am a survivor of domestic violence.

My daughter and I lived in a local domestic shelter for nine months to escape physical and mental abuse. I broke the cycle of domestic violence and escaped with my life. Unfortunately, many other women, children and men will not.

According to FBI data, four women a day are murdered by a male partner. Up to six million women are believed to be beaten in their homes each year. One million incidents are reported. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence estimates that up to 90 percent of battered women never report the abuse. (See "Domestic Violence Sourcebook," by Lowell Braddy Berry, Lowell House, 1998.)

Financial assistance is great, and emergency assistance is certainly needed, but this alone will not solve the problem. The public must overcome its fear of "getting involved" when they observe obvious signs of domestic abuse. I have written this letter and the accompanying poem, "Silent Tears," for all the women who, like me, were physically and mentally abused, or

are still trapped in that "private hell."

Society - hear the silent cries! Don't turn a deaf ear. Get involved in the fight against domestic violence!

SILENT TEARS
Can anyone hear my silent tears?
I hide them very well.
Can you see?

What he has done to me?
He controls my private hell.

Can anyone hear my silent tears?
I cry, someone help me please?

How long can I last?
God, send someone fast,
Help my pain to cease.

Can anyone hear my silent tears?
My flesh has turned to blue.

You walk away,
Have nothing to say,
What if this had happened to you?

Can anyone hear my silent tears?

I found the courage to break away.

You say I'm to blame,
I have to wear the shame,
He's the one that should have pay.

Can anyone hear my silent tears?

Can you hear the others cry?

Please don't hear,
Then walk away,
Don't turn a blinded eye.

Can you hear their silent tears?

Hidden, but wanting to be found.

Please hurry,

Believe them, help them, shelter them
While they're still around.

The cycle turns,
The abuse revolves,
So many tears, so much dread,
The only tears that will be heard,
Are those shed when they're dead.

DEBBY (last name withheld)
Cahokia

Support VFW poppy sales

TO THE EDITOR:
On Nov. 5 and 6, the members of VFW Post 5991 and its Ladies Auxiliary of Collinsville will offer poppies for sale to the general public.

They will be located at various locations around the city of Collinsville.

All proceeds from the sale go to help needy veterans and their families. The money cannot be used for any other purpose as this would be a violation of the by laws of the national organization.

We all have read about the national budget process where it seems that any cuts come first to veteran benefits so the sale of poppies nationwide is a big help to needed veterans and their families. By the way, veterans do make these poppies so please buy and proudly wear a poppy.

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News

Conference focuses on elder abuse

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

During the fiscal year that ended in June, 7,000 cases of elder abuse and neglect have been reported to the Illinois Department on Aging. This year should top that number by another 1,000.

Sadly, 60 percent of the cases are substantiated, said Kathleen Quinn, head of the department's Bureau of Elder Rights.

One of the biggest problems of an aging society was on full display Thursday during a daylong conference on elder abuse at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Quinn was the keynote speaker. In the afternoon, a panel of legal, health, education and investigative sources addressed issues ranging from the basic rights of the elderly to reporting suspected abuse.

Elder abuse is not a new concern, but it is a growing one. The typical victim is a 77-year-old woman who was beaten on a regular basis by an adult son who lived with him. The older man would leave, but would end up returning to the abusive environment because of loneliness.

Eventually, state authorities were able to get him placed under court-appointed guardianship, but only after he was hospitalized with a heart attack.

He subsequently suffered a stroke and was placed in a nursing home.

The audience members,

comprised mainly of people

in fields where elder abuse is an issue, nodded their heads while listening to the tales.

"Seventy-five percent of the victims are female, 54 percent of the abusers are male."

But as everyone involved in the forum could attest, the statistics are just the score.

"Elder abuse cases are being abused by the scores in this state," said Margarette Trushel, director of the Oasis Women's Center, a domestic violence shelter in Alton.

"We need to address this growing problem - Madison County, legally, socially, religiously - in any way that we can."

Particularly touching for the group was a real-life presentation about a 77-year-old woman who was beaten on a regular basis by an adult son who lived with him. The older man would leave, but would end up returning to the abusive environment because of loneliness.

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The Family Violence Coordinating Council of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court sponsored the event.

Judge Linda Maddox led the speakers' panel, which included

Anthony Traxler, SIUE gerontology professor; Dr.

Paula Sigman, executive

of the Highway

Substance Abuse Center in St.

Louis; Sgt. Terry Lane of the Alton Police

Department; attorneys Chris Bauer and Leonard Berg, and Robin Pruitt, elder abuse counselor for the Family & Community Services agency in Alton.

Pruitt's agency investigates elder abuse reports in Madison, Bond and Clinton counties under contract with the state Department on Aging. Last year, there were 166 such reports.

People concerned about cases of abuse can make confidential calls to the

state's hotline, (800) 252-8966. Lane said the law has been strengthened recent years so abusing a person 60-years-old or older is no longer is misdemeanor battery, but felony aggravated battery.

He and other panelists advised to be precise in recording the details of suspected abuse.

"For you in the field, the most important thing to know is document, document, document," Berg said.

Frequently, those facts can't be used, but if an elderly person does not want to press charges - which happens a lot. Such cases are referred to as victimless prosecution.

"Admission of hearsay is not always admissible, but be aware of details, and let the lawyers and judges sort it out," Berg said.

Workers dig their way out of county jail

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Sheriff Bob Churchich is singing the praises of a group of people who dug their way out of the Madison County Jail last week.

The group happened to be made of local workers doing what they were paid to do. The workers used pick hammers, shovels and picks to dig down and clean up a broken sewer line that caused sewage to back up into the jail.

Inmates in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program also assisted in the cleanup. The smelly sewage backed up into the cell-blocks, mostly halfway and then backed up after the 22-year-old line collapsed. The kitchen was closed, and inmates were transferred to other cellblocks. Local police agencies were asked to keep

prisoners in the local lock-ups unless absolutely necessary.

The repair job required a large hole to be dug through a hallway floor to the collapsed line, and the line was repaired, tested and put back into operation by Friday.

"Those guys did a heck of a job," Chief Deputy Robert Hertz said.

Hertz said Marty Siglock, director of buildings, lands and support services, and his staff earned their salaries last week.

"You and your fine staff have once again bailed me out and my staff out of a jam, and I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate all of your time and efforts," Churchich said in a letter to Siglock.

Hertz said the situation was back to normal on Monday. The Alton jail was not among those that became crowded during the emergency.

County board to vote on budget

Balanced budget is likely to result in 5-cent decline in tax rate

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

The Madison County Board is scheduled to vote Nov. 17 on a balanced budget.

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News

Pray your way through life's troubles

I was having a particularly stressful day—every-thing seemed to go wrong and it seemed to be done at once. It seemed to overwhelm me.

As I glanced down at the stack of mail yet to be opened, a little blue pamphlet stared back at me. I could almost hear the bold letter words printed on the pamphlet speak to me. It

said, "Pray your way through."

Well, that was just the reminder I needed.

Whatever the difficulty or

dilemma may be, prayer brings forth peace.

Many a time, when I pray through a problem I find that the burden is totally lifted. Soon I feel rested and strengthened again.

Prayer is one of the most important things to do in life.

"If I had a bad day at the office, I would pray and give my problems to the Lord," says Raymond Cirino of Hamden.

We must be determined to pray until we have prayed through. This means that once we have finished

important thing in life. We must become determined to make the time. Take the telephone off the hook, turn off the television and retreat to a quiet place where you can simply talk to God. Sometimes this seems almost impossible, but that just proves how valuable praying is.

"A daily relationship with God is right on target," says Ray Raducha of the Verbeek of Wildwood, Mo., via e-mail. "People who do not have this faith developing relationships really miss out on the best part of their lives."

Pray with all the fervor

of your heart. Light up your soul with gladness as you enter into His presence. He will

pour the liquid gold of His spirit like anointing oil over

your bowed head and soothe

your anxious soul.

Scripture tells us, "When

you truly seek Me, you shall surely find Me if you seek

Me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

Pull out all the stops, bear your heart to God, ask forgiveness for any

wrongs and then know that He hears and answers

prayers.

One of the greatest gifts

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for them. Prayers are the beginning

of strength for the overcomer.

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a battle to do the most

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Catherine Galasso

praying we know we have the answer.

1. John 5:15 says, "If we know that He hears us whatsoever we ask we know we have the petition that we desired of Him."

Pray until you are completely satisfied. Unless you are, you won't pray your way through. "I pray for God's help and care," wrote Karen Raducha of New Britain.

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3565 labor dispute continues

By April Calvin
Staff writer

Members of AFSCME Local 3565 and East Side Health Department administrators met Monday and Tuesday nights to discuss a labor contract.

This is the first contract proposed by the union since it voted the union in this year.

The first one takes the longest," said John Baricevic, board member of the health department and chair of the county board.

Last night, the picket on Oct. 13, has had a long-running dispute with the East Side.

"I would say for the first time, real collective bargaining was reached," said union spokesman Buddy Maupin. "But it's still early. We have very little accomplished."

Sam Henderson, director of East Side Health Department, could not be reached for press time.

"Long negotiations are no our goal," Baricevic said.

According to union literature, three unfair labor practice charges are pending against East Side at the Illinois State Labor Relations Board.

Union members claim East Side policies are restrictive of human dignity, such as requiring employees to take bathroom breaks at designated times, and crediting union employees with sick days only if they immediately bring in a doctor's excuse.

Obituaries

Frances Barclay

FRANCES (OWENS) BARCLAY, 85, of Naperville, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, in Naperville. She was born in Friars Point, Miss.

Mrs. Barclay retired from Whitewater State Hospital in Waukegan where she worked as a secretary. She was an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City. She attended Hutchinson School and Rhodes College in Memphis and was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

Survivors include a son, Robert Lee Barclay of Naperville; a daughter Ray Ford Lake of Brielle, N.J.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Barclay, in 1961.

Private services were held Saturday in Memphis.

Richard Clements Jr.

RICHARD C. CLEMENTS JR., 51, of Waterloo, died Friday, Oct. 29, 1999, at St. Clemente Hospital in Red Bud.

He was born Feb. 8, 1948, in Ogle County.

He is survived by his wife, Kay (Jennings) Clements. Other survivors include daughter, Angela Conley of Chesterton, Ind.; a son, Tom Clements of Columbia; a grandmother, Carlinda Conley; and one brother, Dave Clements of Galesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Sr. and Jane (Pawlowski) Clements; and a daughter, Kristen Clements.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Quernham Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Jeff Groene officiating.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, Neb.

Memorials may be made to the Richard Clements Memorial Fund.

Kenneth Cowan Sr.

KENNETH L. "SONNY" COWAN SR., 70, of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died at 9:09 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999.

Mr. Cowan was born Sept. 1, 1929, in Granite City, where he lived until June 1984. He retired from Union Electric as a senior chemist and was an officer of Union Local 148 Operating Engineers. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and a life member of VFW Post 1300, both of Granite City. Mr. Cowan was a veteran of the U.S.

Navy and Air Force.

He married the former Mary Ann Papp in January 1953 at St. John Lutheran Church in Granite City. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Kim Cowan-Collins and Katherine Dillon, both of Naples, Fla.; a son, Kenneth Cowan Jr. of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; several brothers and sisters and their spouses, Doris Seibold and Josie and Rudy Dieter Edwardsville; a daughter, Alice Jean Cowan; a son, Robert and Yolanda Cowan; Maurice Cowan, Thomas and Nadine Papp and Esther and Mike Devine, all of Granite City; Mickey and Dick Grace and Shirley Lawless; and 13 grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Kim Cowan-Collins and Katherine Dillon, both of Naples, Fla.; several brothers and sisters and their spouses, Doris Seibold and Josie and Rudy Dieter Edwardsville; a daughter, Alice Jean Cowan; a son, Robert and Yolanda Cowan; Maurice Cowan, Thomas and Nadine Papp and Esther and Mike Devine, all of Granite City; Mickey and Dick Grace and Shirley Lawless; and 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Evans was a homemaker and a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Evans; her mother, Ruth E. (Reisinger) Bunker; a son, Thomas Evans of Granite City; two sisters, Evelyn Bunker and Linda Murphy of Granite City; and a brother, George Bunker of Pontiac Beach.

She was preceded in death by her father, Orlie Bunker Sr.; a brother, Orlie Bunker Jr. and a sister, Mary Beth Bunker.

A graveside memorial is planned for 11 a.m. Nov. 6 at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville. Following the service, the family will greet friends at Union Local 148 Operating Engineers Hall, 148 Wabash Drive, Maryville.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Madison County Hospice are suggested.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Margaret (Stuart) Cowan; his son, John Raymond Cowan, who died in 1990; and a brother, Sherwood Cowan.

Survivors include daughter, Angela Conley of Chesterton, Ind.; a son, Tom Clements of Columbia; a grandmother, Carlinda Conley; and one brother, Dave Clements of Galesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Sr. and Jane (Pawlowski) Clements; and a daughter, Kristen Clements.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Quernham Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Jeff Groene officiating.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, Neb.

Memorials may be made to the Richard Clements Memorial Fund.

Gerald Dickman

GERALD F. DICKMAN, 65, of Troy, died at 6:58 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born May 12, 1934, in Mitchell and was a lifelong resident of Maryville.

Mr. Dickman had retired from Troy Truck Centers Inc., where he had worked in customer service and delivery. He was a member of Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Maryville.

He is survived by the former Darlene Dankenbring on May 4, 1957; she

was born May 7, 1933, in Granite City where he lived until 1957.

Mr. Evans was a disabled U.S. Army veteran. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Patty (McMurray) Evans; a son, Wesley M. Evans of Granite City; a daughter, Lynn Rensperger of Highland; two brothers, Roger Dickman of Hawaii; a sister, Beatrice Clayton of Maryville; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Frances

(Zajicek) Dickman. Services were Saturday at Mother of Perpetual Help Church. Burial was in Keystone Cemetery, St. Jacob.

Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

Elaine Evans

ELAINE FRANCIS (BUNKER), 46, of Granite City, died at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 1999, in Granite City. She was born Dec. 1, 1952, in Granite City.

Mrs. Evans was a homemaker and a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Evans; her mother, Ruth E. (Reisinger) Bunker; a son, Thomas Evans of Granite City; two sisters, Evelyn Bunker and Linda Murphy of Granite City; and a brother, George Bunker of Pontiac Beach.

She was preceded in death by her father, Orlie Bunker Sr.; a brother, Orlie Bunker Jr. and a sister, Mary Beth Bunker.

A graveside memorial is planned for 11 a.m. Nov. 6 at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville. Following the service, the family will greet friends at Union Local 148 Operating Engineers Hall, 148 Wabash Drive, Maryville.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Madison County Hospice are suggested.

Marlen Evans

MARLEN J. EVANS, 46, of Collinsville, died at 2:55 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mr. Evans was a disabled U.S. Army veteran. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Patty (McMurray) Evans; a son, Wesley M. Evans of Granite City; a daughter, Lynn Rensperger of Highland; two brothers, Roger Dickman of Hawaii; a sister, Beatrice Clayton of Maryville; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Frances

(Zajicek) Dickman. Services were Saturday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Phil Warren officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Phil Warren officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Edwardsville.

Fairview Heights

Frances Jones

FRANCES (LAUB) JONES, 92, of Granite City, died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, at Madison County Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

She was born March 18, 1897, in Granite City. Mrs. Jones was a cook for Granite City School District. She was a Protestant and a member of the Senior Citizens Association.

She is survived by many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Johanna Laub; two brothers, Joseph and Frank Laub, and two sisters, Anna Moran and Antoinette Lynch.

Funeral services were Friday at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Robert Trotter officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Troop Number 35 of Wood River.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Harold Siner

HAROLD E. SINER, 83, of Dupont, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born Aug. 27, 1916, in Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Siner had owned and operated Siner Service Station in Dupont and helped from National City Coke Storage Co.

He is survived by his son, Jim Siner of Dupont; two daughters, Peggy McElroy of Sesser, and Deborah Boyd of Huntsville, Ala.; four grandchildren, Tim, Vicki, Tom and Tom McElroy; and Faith Ann Feltmeyer, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Robert Trotter officiating.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Belleville Area.

grandmother, Ruth Stratton of Swansea, and her grandfather, Herbert Harris of Circus Heights, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Stratton; grandmother, Clara Harris; and grandfather, Paul H. Stratton Sr.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Kassly Mortuary Chapel, Fairview Heights with the Rev. James Stockton officiating.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Belleville Area.

Ralph Wilkerson

RALPH W. WILKERSON, 77, of DuPage, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999, at his residence in Alton.

He was born April 20, 1922, in Wilton, Iowa. Mr. Wilkerson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and member of VFW Post 2378 of Wood River. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America and Troop Number 35 of Wood River.

He is survived by his wife, Irene (Warren) Wilkerson, whom he married on May 8, 1948. Other survivors include two sons, Ronald Ray Wilkerson of Granite City, and Donald A. Wilkerson of Sherman, and four grandchildren, Leah (Daryl) Randolph, Ronald D., Randi Wilkerson and Lacey Wilkerson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Anna (Schroff) Wilkerson, and a grandson, Brian David Wilkerson.

Funeral services were Friday at Marks Mortuary in Wood River with Mark Thomas, Kerry Ford and John Robinson officiating.

Burial was in Valhalla Memorial Park in Old City.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church of Bethalto.

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News

Holbrook portrays Twain at EHS

Nationally renowned actor appeared in one-man show

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

Nationally renowned actor Hal Holbrook returned to the small stage and wowed an audience with his portrayal of author and humorist Mark Twain.

Holbrook appeared Wednesday night as part of the Arts & Ideas series with his one-man show, "Mark Twain Tonight!"

The sold-out performance in the Edwardsville High School auditorium was

Holbrook's 2,003rd performance of the show, which audiences taste of what it would have been like to sit and have a conversation with the Missouri-born writer known for his wit, as well as his tales.

"All I require of an audience is that they sit there and listen, as long as they can remain conscious," Holbrook quipped during the beginning of the show.

Holbrook, 74, portrayed Twain at the age of 70, when his irreverence and wit was firmly established.

"Have you ever wondered why the human race was created? Or if something went wrong with the original conception?" the actor asked in Twain's characteristic twang.

Later, Holbrook as Twain said, "I have often wondered if God invented man because he was disappointed with the

monkey."

The Twain humor spared no profession or moral issue. All became fair game as Holbrook expounded on the Twain philosophy of life.

"We've always wondered why God invented lawyers. Did his mind wander? The more I see of lawyers, the more I favor hanging."

"First, God made idiots for practice, then he made Congress, never vote for politicians. It only encourages them," Holbrook said as Twain during the performance.

About Twain's former profession, newspaper reporting, Holbrook is the first to admit he did not like the job because he didn't want an occupation that required him to travel.

Not all of the night was about laughter. Holbrook tugged on heartstrings with a dramatic reading of a scene from "Huckleberry Finn" in which Huck wrestles with the moral implications of hiding the runaway slave Jim from slave hunters.

Holbrook's character also reflected on the strengths or lack thereof in the human character that inevitably cause the downfall of societies. The same passions that led the Roman Empire to its ruin, he said, still are common in society today.

"Well now, more than our forefathers, what do we have a better intellect?" he asked.

The Mark Twain characterization, which Holbrook has performed for more than

45 years, grew out of a two-person act Holbrook and his wife created. The original show featured seven characters ranging from Shakespeare to Twain, but his first one-man appearance came in 1954. The performance has won Holbrook a Tony Award to go with his many Emmy, Peabody and Obie awards.

Holbrook has said he has never been able to quit Twain and probably never will. He has toured the show in some part of every year since 1964, making it one of the longest-running shows in theater history.

There is never any set program for any performance; Holbrook chooses his material as he goes along. He adds new information to the characterization nearly every year, editing and changing it to fit the times, and he now totals his bits and pieces to more than 12 hours of material he can choose from every time he takes the stage.

Along with the Twain role, Holbrook has acted in nearly every capacity known to performers. He is known for his roles on television series including "Evening Shade" and "Designing Women" - in which his third wife, actress Dixie Carter, also starred - and such TV mini-series as "North & South." He also has appeared in such feature films as "The Firm," "Wall Street," "All The President's Men" and "Magnum Force."

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Senator Durbin proposes tobacco control program spending limits

Performance standards would determine financial amounts

By Kerry Smith
Staff writer

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin is proposing setting performance standards that would tie how much Illinois spends on tobacco control programs to how much those programs are in stopping children from smoking.

With Illinois poised to start spending its share of a \$245 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the states, Durbin, D-Springfield, is touting a plan that fine-tunes a proposal already offered by state Reps. John Fritchey and Sara Feigenholtz. Under the plan, most Illinois monies from the case against big tobacco - some \$8 billion - would be increased by a finite annual schedule.

"My proposal would set aside fixed percentages of total tobacco control spending in favor of an adjustable amount of spending that can be raised or lowered based on how successful an individual anti-smoking effort is," Durbin said. "We're spending a lot of money on programs that are geared specifically toward curbing smoking by children."

More than one out of every three Illinois high school students smoke, Durbin said.

This past summer, in lieu of passing an ordinance banning tobacco use by minors, the city of Wood River estab-

lished an educational fund totaling \$20,000 for any teacher, parents, students or citizens interested in launching

"It's a spending compass that tells us if we need to spend more to keep our kids healthy."

Dick Durbin
Senator

a no-smoking initiative for area youth.

Wood River Mayor Lon Smith said that no one has

come forward so far to apply for any of these funds.

Durbin said Tuesday that

his plan is intended to help make sure that the amount Illinois spends on tobacco control makes a real difference in the lives of children who smoke.

"It's a spending compass that tells us if we need to spend more to keep our kids healthy," Durbin said. "It makes sense to me that we should spend more money on tobacco control in the beginning to radically change the culture where underage smoking is accepted. Once we have that down, and you start to go down, we can decrease the amount of money spent on tobacco control programs."

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News

Hubbard wins Pinochle series

The Crazy-Eight Pinochle Club had their meeting in the home of Elaine Staton on Oct. 6.

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A series of six pinochle games were played with first prize awarded to Ruth Hubbard; second prize went to Ross Lux, and third prize to Melba Topp. Liz Niepert won the \$100 Ace prize and Mickey Stock was given the "best hand" prize.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 at the home of Janet Davis of Holiday Shores.

The Saints Alive Senior Group met at State Park Baptist Church in Granite City on Oct. 4. Bob Lewis, president called the meeting to order. Special prayer requests were taken and Jean Corzine led the prayer for those who had special needs. Happy Birthday was sung to those who had a birthday since the July meeting. Paul and Betty Lewis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5 and the Anniversary Song was sung to them.

Hymns sung included "Rock of Ages" and "Sunshine in My Soul." A talent show took place also. Eileen Davis read three poems, played the harmonica, whistled and played a song on the piano. Eva Barrow whistled a song.

and then sang the words to it. Louise Coock played the piano. Jean Corzine led a singing group read a poem about saving the best for last.

Evelyn Daidy played the piano. Kathy Sargent sang a special song. The Rev.

Bob Carter gave devotion on "Something Better."

Tomorrow on Hope and Life with Jesus Christ in Rock with the attendance prize.

There were 28 in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Jan. 30 at the Grace Baptist Church in Granite City.

The Avon

Representatives had their monthly meeting on Oct. 12 at the Avon Office on Edison Avenue. New representatives were welcomed by Manager Phyllis Laster who also discussed many new products that were on display.

Attendance prizes were won by JoAnn Stevens and Judy Woodward 50/50 raffle drawings.

Holiday JoAnn Stevens and Jane Smith.

Business cards drawn were from Elaine Staton and Cora Nance. Car Pool was won by Linda King and Cora Nance. Jane Smith and Connie Chonister received their Five Year Awards.

Plates and Commemorative Plates and this year's Albee Award.

Eileen Davis received an Albee Award at the last meeting, but was omitted in the report.

Attending the morning

meeting were Donna Johnson, Rose Doolen,

Carol Gilligan, Linda Lux,

DeVeaux, Jayne Woolfreak, Brenda Zumbaum, Charleen Nusie, Kely Sebert, Shirley Templeman, Debbie McElroy, Winnie Pointer, Maxine Green, Lillian Ruegg, Cindy Lovell, Karla Grant, Rosemary Ralston and those already mentioned.

Debra Kryciak, Chloe Denney, Townsend, Marthbanks, Archie Barnes, Jodi Joisson, Janice Watson, Pam Harris, Jolene Bridges, and Sue Ray attended the evening meeting.

A Music for Missions

night was held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Granite City on Oct. 16. Everyone enjoyed singing old time Gospel

songs, followed with special music from the Tennessee Brush Arbor Quartet;

Harlon Luffman and

Friends on banjo, fiddle and

guitar. Diana Eickel, hand

bell soloist, and the Ladies

Trio from Grace Baptist Church.

Sheryl Henke and son,

Geoffrey, recently of

Santiago, Chile, have

returned to their present

home in Houston after visiting

their mother and grandmother, Elaine Thick, and

other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Love have returned home after spending the weekend visiting with their son, Darrell, who is making his home in Iowa.

On Oct. 24, the Pontoon

Baptist Church held their Fall Fest, complete with

music, a table decorating

contest and food. Each

Sunday school class decorated a table for eight people.

There was lots of singing

of favorite hymns.

Special songs were sung by

soloists Becky Davis,

Marshe Kumle, Nancy Newman, Ashlee Schenke,

Nancy Childers, Mary Pascoe, Linda Moore, an ensemble, (Pastor Alan Redfern), Debbie McCarthy Davis, Linda Moore, Mary Pascoe and Nancy Childers. A men's trio, including Gus Falter, Michel Pascoe and Gary Chaney, were also on the program. Fall food was served in the Recreation Hall.



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Class of 1954 holds 45th reunion

The Granite City High School
GRANITE CITY 1954
January and June

graduates had their 45th class reunion at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

The evening began with a cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner. There was a 50/50 raffle to help with the expenses of the new reunion. Guests were Hattie Nagel Lance and Ceil Marcus. The remainder of the evening was spent socializing and dancing to the music of John Fornaszewski, his wife Bonnie and his band.

There was a potluck dinner with approximately 50 people in attendance the night before at Wade Rollins

clubhouse. It was hosted by the reunion committee members, Howard Campbell, Ceil Marcus, Robert Skinner, Sharon Hillmer, Marlene Brandy, Lynda Leggett and Carol Clegg.

Pictured from left in the first row are Robert Anderson, Thomas "Bud" Cathey, Carol Johnson Cathey, Marlene Venorsky Brandy, Lynda Leggett, Ceil Fitzgerald, Pat Cox Abbott, George Sturman, Bert Houston, Ron King, Charlotte Crabtree Pyle, Howard Campbell and Bill Moser.

Pictured from left in the second row are Mary Yevin, Dorothy Painter Sinovic, Pat Gage Hillgoss, Sarah Brumley Collins, Loretta Boyle Krekovich, Corinne Burton O'Brien, Marilyn

Koenig Parker, June Enos Innis, Miriam Merz Ozanich, Fran Wagner Starling, Hattie Nagel Lance, Sue Young Coleman and Bob Skinner.

Pictured from left in the third row are Dave Clutts, Dutch Jacksina, Bob Swiatek, Lynda Wilkerson Leggett, Mary Ann Wilkerson Schmitz, Edmonds Ceil Campbell Marcus, Don Coleman, Sharon Lentz Hillmer, Phillip Theis, Don McCraven, Clay Parker, Allen Warren, Tony Bileto, Ron Gruen, Jerry Kelly Hubbard, Leona Bell Wilkerson, Edmund

Wilkinson, June Prengel Kirchner, Gwen Kirchner, John Cuvar, Richard Buente and Richard Boazart.

Conference focuses on elder abuse

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

During the fiscal year that ended in June, 7,000 cases of elder abuse and neglect had been reported to the

Illinois Department on Aging. This year should top that number by another 1,000.

Sadly, 60 percent of the cases are substantiated, said Kathleen Quinn, head of the department's Bureau of Elder Rights.

One of the biggest problems of an aging society was on full display Thursday during a daylong conference on elder abuse at Southern Illinois University.

Quinn was the keynote speaker. In the afternoon, a panel of legal, health, educational and diverse experts addressed issues ranging from new laws to rights of the elderly to reporting suspected abuse.

Elder abuse is not a new concern, but it is growing one.

The typical victim is a 77-year-old man who was beaten on a regular basis by an adult son who lived with him.

The older man could leave but would end up returning to the abusive

environment because of loneliness.

Eventually, state authorities were able to get him placed in a nursing home under guardianship, but only after he was hospitalized with a broken hip. He subsequently suffered a stroke and was placed in a nursing home.

The audience members, comprising mainly people who work in fields where elder abuse is an issue, nodded their heads while listening to the tales.

The Family Violence

Coordinator of the Illinois Circuit Court sponsored the event.

Associate Judge Lola Maddox led the speakers' panel, which included Anthony Traxler, SIUE gerontology professor; Dr.

SIUE hosts meeting to battle increasing problem

Paula Sigman, executive director of Archway Substance Abuse Center in St. Louis, Sgt. Terry Lane of the Alton Police Department; attorneys Chris Bauer and Leonard Berg, and Robin Pruitt, elder abuse case manager for the Family Community Services agency in Alton.

Pruitt's agency investigates elder abuse reports in Madison, Bond and Clinton counties under contract with the state Department on Aging. She said there were 166 such reports.

People concerned about cases of abuse can make confidential calls to the state's helpline at 1-800-252-8996. The law has been amended in recent years so abusing a person 60 years-old or older is no longer is misdemeanor battery, but felony aggravated battery.

He and other panelists agreed that police, courts and related agencies are working together on these cases better than in the past.

Attitude members were advised to be precise in recording the details of suspected abuse.

"For you in the field, the most important thing to know is document, document," Berg said.

Frequently, those facts can be used in court when an elderly person does not want to press charges - which happens a lot. Such cases are referred to as victimless prosecution.

"Admission of hearsay is not always possible, but be aware of details, and let the lawyers and judges sort it out," Berg said.

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Search for woman's heirs begins

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-and-wife neighbors who took Apponey into their care while she was recuperating from surgery to repair a broken hip.

Apponey died of a cerebral hemorrhage seven weeks after moving in with the couple. Eight days before her death, she signed a will naming the Kramers as beneficiaries, authorities said. The will was filed in court July 22, 1992, one day after Apponey's death, records show.

Carolyn Kramer raised suspicions about the death when she talked to funeral directors about arrangements for Apponey three days before she died, authorities said.

Those suspicions led authorities to charge Carolyn Kramer with first-degree murder for allegedly giving Apponey lethal doses of prescription Tylenol, codeine and acetaminophen, an over-the-counter sleep aid.

Last year, Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr. ruled that there wasn't enough evidence to prove Kramer, 58, guilty of murder. He did see her conduct as reckless, however, and found her guilty of involuntary manslaughter. He placed her

on probation in September. Court files put the value of the estate at close to \$50,000, although the court-appointed public administrator has said he believes Kramer may have sold off Apponey's assets that have not been accounted for to him.

The estates funds are held in various bank accounts.

The administrator was appointed after the original executor withdrew from the case because of a lack of interest.

The administrator eventually challenged the will in the interest of "protecting public policy."

"You can't presumably cause someone's death and then collect from it," said Attorney Steve Stobbs, of Alton, who represents the public administrator, James Mihalich.

Stobbs wants to try the case sometime next spring, but Circuit Judge John DeLaurentiis on Wednesday agreed to set up a trial schedule until all potential heirs of Apponey are sought out. A hearing will be held in the next few weeks to address the issue of additional heirs.

There are two nieces who filed a claim in 1993 - JoAnn Meuret of Roxana, and Clara Redin Sherman of Libertyville, still are interested in the estate and upset

that their attorney has not kept them abreast, Meuret said.

"I don't know what's happening," she said. "I haven't heard from him in six years. I can't get him to call me back so I can fire him."

The attorney, Donald Metzger of Edwardsville, was out of town Wednesday and did not attend the hearing.

Attorney Tim Stubblefield of Belleville represents Keith Kramer but not Carolyn Kramer, who represented herself in court Wednesday. Carolyn Kramer said she plans to hire an attorney, possibly Scott Cain of Edwardsville, who represented her during her criminal case.

Stubblefield said he has been told about the existence of a second will, one supposedly drawn up by the same person who also named the Kramers as beneficiaries. Such a document could lend support to the Kramers' claim.

"That's what I've been told, but I haven't seen it," he told The Telegraph.

Theoretically, if there is another will, it would surface during the discovery phase preceding the trial, attorneys said.

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crossing near the school. The nail clipper had a 2-inch nail file and a 2-inch can-opener file. Under state law, a weapon is defined as any object that can harm another person. Students bringing a weapon to school can face expulsion up to two school years. In Derek's case, he will be suspended from Nov. 1 to the 3, denying him a much-needed education, Madden said.

"He's failing now. Why didn't they keep him in school and give him some kind of homework? They went way too far with this because he did try to hurt somebody," he said.

According to Madden, Derek is hyperactive and

takes Ritalin. He has had discipline issues at school and was suspended at the beginning of the school year for using profanity. Madden said she knows her son isn't an angel, but considers him a good kid who is anything but violent.

"He just needs a little guidance and help," she said. "The school didn't do any of that."

Virgil Cambrian, principal of Cahokia High School, said any student who brings a 2-inch blade of any kind to the school would be suspended, pending administrative review by the school board. Cambrian said the custodian and a teacher secured the nail clipper and take it home. He declined, calling the custodian an "idiot."

"He had an opportunity to

do what was right, but refused," Cambrian said. "The nail clipper is wicked-looking and both 2-inch blades are sharp and perfectly capable of injuring someone."

In a similar case, 7-year-old Lamont Agnew of Cahokia was suspended in September because he brought a nail clipper to Hurstman Elementary School. State-appointed hearing officer was sent to hear the case because an attorney representing the Lamont family said the board violated laws regarding individual rights. Lamont Agnew, who was denied a special education evaluation, returned to school Wednesday after the hearing officer ruled he was inappropriately suspended.

TIF meeting/hearing scheduled

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Southern Triple Crown yard north of the Gateway Commerce Park. Part of the area is also included in an enterprise zone, which may be extended north to include the Lakeside Business Park at the intersection of Illinois Route 111 and Poag Road.

The village's first TIF district was established in the early 1990s, southeast of the

I-270 interchange, and included both residential and commercial properties.

The inclusion of residential property in the TIF prompted a lawsuit by the Granite City School District, which eventually ended up in the Illinois Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the village.

Pontoon Beach nightclub under fire by Trustee Bob Vincent

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Vincent was critical of the business, citing problems with trash and reckless driving.

That led to a brief and sometimes heated argument between the two.

In other business, Officer Rick Hays was promoted to sergeant.

Hays and K-9 Officer Chris Modrusic were also recognized for their capture of an auto burglary suspect on Aug. 25 following a traffic stop.

The Board also approved a proposal allowing the police department to purchase a videocassette player and television to be used for viewing training films.

The department had the equipment at one time, but it was damaged when lightning struck city hall several years ago.

The cost of the purchase will not exceed \$500, and will be paid out of the department's drug seizure fund.

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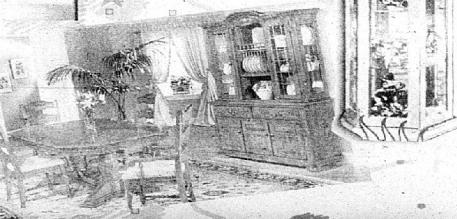
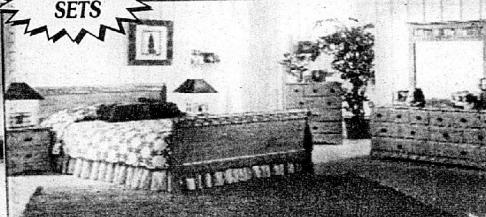
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Tigers taken down

Edwardsville loses first playoff game after 9-0 regular season
Inside

GCHS sends East home

Merz comes through in games vs. Belleville teams

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City forward Chris Merz is making a sectional habit out of big-game dramatics.

He senior scored the game-winner in the Warriors' 3-0 victory against Belleville West on Tuesday night.

But he came through with an even more impressive performance yesterday night in the IHSA Class AA Gauntlet at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Merz scored both of Granite City's goals, then found in double overtime to lead the Warriors to a 2-1 victory against Belleville East.

With 8:33 to play in the second extra session, Granite City had a throw-in opportunity from the left side of the Lancers' territory. Jarod McMillian's hurl sailed into the box, where it found Ian Kessel's noggin.

Kessel's nod hit the crossbar, and Merz was there in a morsar of sprawling, desperate activity to head in the rebound.

"I just made a run inside,"

Merz said. "I saw the ball up in the air, coming off the crossbar and headed for the goal."

Merz had given the Warriors the lead in the 21st minute. Granite City sophomore Rich Edwards made a run down the middle and sent the ball into the middle of the Lancers' box. Merz slid behind the defense and headed the ball home past keeper Patrick Hoerder.

"I beat a defender and touched it by him," Edwards said. "I just went and struck it and Chris ran onto the ball and put it in like he was supposed to."

But Merz was almost overshadowed by Ryan Coates, who had scored two for Belleville East on Oct. 14 in its 4-1 victory at Granite City.

Coates struck again on Thursday, tying the score with

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Gene Baker
Warriors coach
about Chris Merz

29:29 to play in regulation when his free kick from the right curved over the wall and beat Warriors keeper Justin Roehr high to the right.

But the Warriors, the No. 2 seed in the sectional, were able to improve to 15-7-3, ending the Lancers' season at 9-4.

"It feels great," Merz said. "Two head balls in one game, and I never had a head ball on a score. It was great."

Merz played an outstanding game, McMillian said. "He just came out and played and now he is going to have a starting spot on the team for the future."

"We kid Chris a lot," Granite City coach Gene Baker said.

"But he has incredible work ethic and it's really neat when you see him come in and bring things into place for you. I didn't give him enough time all season and always merits it. He keeps coming and boy, did he have a great one here."

Merz played an outstanding game. His toss in overtime finished off Granite City's domination of the extra sessions.

"He was gunning them," Baker said. "We changed the for-

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Ron Rowden
Collinsville coach

to get momentum in preparation for your next match, I am not sure what the Edwardsville coaches think," Mark Schwartzkopf said. "We had a level of concern about this match because they were playing with some success. To be down 1-1 and end up winning two or three goals left in the game and then win it in overtime, definitely says they have some ability."

"That is conjunction with we respect Collinsville's pool of players. I think they have some very talented and gifted players."

But Artrip, who headed in a corner kick from Ryan Luckett, delivered another message for Edwardsville.

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Granite City Parks District
recognizes Ray Hoffman
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Tim Stephenson photo

ABOVE, Granite City's Jeremy

Hickam (13) faces a wall of

opponents, including the

goalie, in a recent game. AT

RIGHT, Nathan Geardault

(5) moves the ball down the

field for the Warriors. Granite

City beat Belleville West in the

quarterfinals of the IHSA

Class AA Edwardsville

Sectional, played on Tuesday

at the Gauntlet in Granite City.

The Warriors then defeated

Belleville East 2-1 in double

overtime in Thursday's semi-

final contest at Southern

Illinois University at

Edwardsville. Granite City,

now 15-7-3, was scheduled to

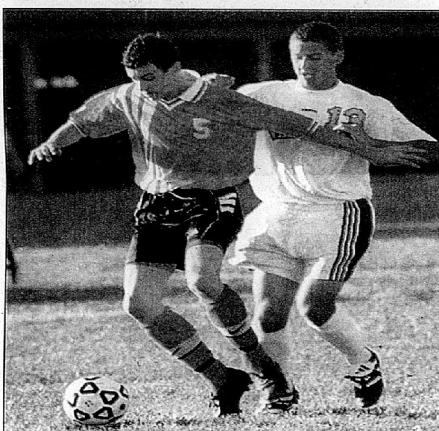
play No. 1-seeded

Edwardsburg on Saturday in

the sectional final. The Tigers

improved to 21-3-1 after

defeating Collinsville 2-0.



Tim Stephenson photo

Atkins finds stride again

Senior looks for sectional success

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Kevin Atkins recently got a fright that had nothing to do with Halloween.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY The Southwestern Conference Invitational on Oct. 15, the team fared well, but their senior runner, in the race, showed a hump near the end of the race.

"It was a day of mixed feelings," Granite City coach Tom Bremer said. "Kevin Atkins was running well, he was going to finish in third, but 200 yards from the finish line, he suffered a heat-related injury. He slowed down and walked across the line and finished in 37th instead of third."

"We were quite worried. We didn't know if he could have been an injury that would threaten the rest of his season. Heat exhaustion is serious, but you can get over it fairly quickly." So we were relieved he finished the race.

"I'm doing fine now," Atkins said. "What happened is that I had been real busy all week and hadn't really gotten the amount of sleep and water I needed to be getting in."

"It was a wacky day, so you had to walk, fight the wind. On top of that it was hot, even though it didn't feel like it. It was around 85 degrees. I had gotten used to running in colder weather, and it was just kind of a shock to my body. My legs just gave out on me with about 200 yards left. But I'm doing good."

Atkins has been doing more than fine all season.

"My best performance place-wise was the East Alton Woods Invitational on Oct. 9," Atkins said. "That's the fourth year in a row I've won it. They run by class divisions, there all the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, seniors. That's my fourth year winning it, and I have a set of four plaques that all say 'No. 1'."

"Other than that, my highest place was fourth place up at Edwardsburg. But at Conference in East St. Louis I think I probably could have gotten third. I was in third when I went down and I was building up on the guy who was in front of me. I was getting ready to catch his speed, and I went from about a 200-yard distance to about 100, and my legs gave out on me."

Atkins' best time this year for a 5K has been 17:02, run at Mount Vernon on Sept. 11. He set a one-mile best of 16:12 at Triad on Sept. 29.

Atkins also led the Warriors in the IHSA Class AA Regional on Oct. 23 with a time of 17:32. His time, and that of teammate Andy Balcer (17:36), led the Warriors into yesterday's sectionals.

"Those two were very close, and that was great," Haefner said. "I think Kevin may have still been suffering some of the effects of the heat exhaustion from a week earlier. He wasn't up to his top speed yet. But he will be ready for sectionals on Saturday. I was very happy with both of them. We hope

Edwardsville blanks Kahoks in semifinal

Artrip's tally captures early momentum for Tigers

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Edwardsville Tigers knew how to take the wind out of Collinsville's sails Thursday night.

BOYS SOCCER Artrip headed a goal past Kahoks keeper Kevin Connally just 6 minutes 29 seconds into the IHSA Class AA Edwardsville sectional semifinal clash at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

The Tigers (21-3-1) went on to post a 2-0 victory and earn a berth opposite second-seeded Granite City (15-7-2) in Saturday morning's championship game.

Collinsville, which represented the Metro East last fall by advancing as far as the IHSA super-sectional round, was coming into the game with the memory of a 2-1 overtime victory against No. 4 seed Springfield.

But Artrip, who headed in a corner kick from Ryan Luckett, delivered another early message for Edwardsville.

"If you can think of a lot of

scenarios to get some momentum for your next match, if not winning the prior match in overtime is not one of the best ways

and have not lost a game in which they have scored first.

"I think more than anything, the timing of it was crucial," Schatzkopf said. "I think it surprised their goalkeeper, and what he dealt with it initially very well."

Collinsville coach Ron Rowden said Artrip's goal deflated the season 11-10, as much as Luke Kreamalmeyer's goal at 29:44.

Artrip worked the ball to the upper-left corner of the box, where he spotted Kreamalmeyer shadowing a Kahoks defender. Artrip slid the ball over to Kreamalmeyer, who made a shot, stepped, moved, turned, and then threaded a shot through traffic to put the Tigers ahead 2-0.

"The first goal to me wasn't a big problem," Collinsville coach Ron Rowden said. "The second goal they got right before the half was a problem. It is easier to come at Edwardsburg and attack them. They have scoring opportunities down one, but not two because they can slow the play down and put pressure on you."

"It's like taking my hat off to my guys as far as after that first goal and after the second goal, I thought we played a pretty solid



John Swistak Jr. photo

Edwardsville's Tim Byrnes (19) consoles a Collinsville player after the Tigers' victory in a semifinal game of the IHSA Class AA Edwardsville Sectional on Thursday.

first half. It was a good sectional semifinal game. They had some chances. For one of them, our keeper didn't touch the ball. That is indicative of how well we possessed the ball in the final third. The box play we had, we had some good shots but we just didn't get the ball to the right player in the right space."

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Sports

Lancers soph steps up in playoffs

Hoercher leads Belleville East to upset win vs. O'Fallon

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

With the season on, Pat Hoercher was at his best. Hoercher, a sophomore goalie, posted his third consecutive shutout Tuesday as the No. 6 Lancers upset third-seeded O'Fallon 3-0 in the quarterfinals of the Class AA Edwardsville Sectional.

"I started last year for the JV team because we had two senior goalies," Pat Boyte and Owen, who graduated last year. "Owen was all (Southwestern) conference second team. I watched those guys a lot last year and learned from them."

Last year, he went to the Star Soccer Academy in Austin, Texas, and it really helped with my knowledge of the game. The year before I went to the University of Illinois in Champaign. I like to go where I am compared to players in different regions."

Hoercher has been playing soccer for nearly four years. He started in the Boys-Clair Soccer League, then played for the Belleville-based Shooters select team.

"The reason I'm not playing for the Shooters this year is because the team folded," Hoercher said. "Now I'm with the Lightning, which has guys from Mascoutah, Althoff, Belleville East and Belleville West. I play in select really well, especially on the varsity high school level."

After starting out as a forward, Hoercher has been a goalie.

"I was fooling around in practice one day and stepped in goal and took it and said it was kind of fun," Hoercher said. "I stuck with it and got serious about it five years ago."

The biggest thing I've improved is my confidence and my knowledge about what to do in certain situations. It's really important in that position not to panic."

Pat Hoercher
Belleville East sophomore

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Hoercher didn't start this year as East's No. 1 goalie.

"We have a junior, Kory Joyce, who started the first game against Quincy and the second game against O'Fallon," Hoercher said. "I played the second half against O'Fallon and played well and I've had the job ever since. We also have a sophomore goalie, Chris Brown, who has a lot of depth in goal."

East finished the season 9-14 after a double-overtime loss to second-seeded Granite City on Thursday in the sectional semifinal.

The Lancers upset the Warriors 4-1 on Oct. 14 as part of their fast finish. They were 4-12 at that point in the season we were 4-12 and it really looked bleak, but now we've won five of our last six," Hoercher said before the sectionals began.

"A lot of people were counting on us, but after the Granite City game we haven't looked back. The difference between now and the beginning of the season is nothing technical or physical - it's all mental. We're all confident and we really want to win now."



Scott Marion photo

Belleville East goalkeeper Pat Hoercher shut out O'Fallon on Tuesday for his third straight blanking as the Lancers won five of their last seven games.

Boys soccer playoffs

Boys prep soccer playoffs

Class AA Edwardsville Sectional

Friday, Oct. 22

Game 1: Alton 1, Springfield 2; Springfield Southeast 0.

Game 2: Belleville West 1, Springfield Lanphier 0 (OT/PKs).

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Game 3: Edwardsville 4, Alton 0.

Game 4: Collinsville 2, Springfield 1.

Game 5: Granite City 3, Belleville West 0.

Game 6: Belknap 0, East 0, O'Fallon 0.

Semifinals

Thursday, Oct. 28 (at SIUE)

Game 7: Edwardsville 2, Collinsville 0.

Game 8: Granite City 3, Belleville West 0.

Game 9: Belknap 1, O'Fallon 0.

Class A Columbia Sectional

First Round

Game 1: Breezecenter 5, Columbia 1.

Game 2: Waterloo 5, Breezecenter 0.

Game 3: Maccuscatan 5, West 0.

Game 4: Centralia 2, Mount Carmel 1.

Game 5: Lebanon 1, Gifford 0.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Game 6: Breezecenter 5, Maccuscatan 0.

Game 7: Waterloo 1, Maccuscatan 0.

Game 8: Maccuscatan 1, Centralia 0.

Game 9: Carbondale 1, Lebanon 0.

Semifinals

Thursday, Oct. 28

At Collinsville Complex

Game 10: Alton 5, Waterloo 1.

Game 11: Cardinals defeated Maccuscatan.

Championship

Saturday, Oct. 30 (at SIUE)

Game 12: Winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 11, 7 p.m.

Class A Marquette Super-sectional

First Round

Game 1: Alton defeated Teutopolis.

Game 2: Triad 7, Olney 0.

Game 3: Alton Marquette 5, Wood River 0.

Game 4: Metro East Lutheran 3, Effingham St.

Anthony 0.

Game 5: Breezecenter Civic Memorial 8, Cahokia 0.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Game 6: Breezecenter 5, Cahokia 0.

Game 7: Alton 5, Wood River 0.

Game 8: Metro East Lutheran 3, Effingham St.

Anthony 0.

Game 9: Cahokia 5, Breezecenter 0.

Class A IHSA Class AA State Tournament

Friday, Nov. 5

Game 1: Breezecenter 5, Cahokia 0.

Game 2: Alton 5, Wood River 0.

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Sports

Triad charges to regional title tilt

Knights' Hellon scores lone goal in contest against top-seeded Highland

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Triad soccer program has had some successful teams in recent seasons. But none had won a sectional championship. In the last two years, Triad bowed to Carlinville in the Class A sectional championship games.

This season, the Knights struggled to a 5-12-1 record in the regular season. But they were the verge of a third straight No. 8 seed into the Alton Marquette Sectional championship Saturday morning.

The Knights were scheduled to play sixth-seeded Bethalto Civic Memorial in the title game following Thursday's 1-0 upset victory against top-seed Highland.

Joe Hellon, a senior who has been part of Triad's successful regular season campaigns in 1997 and '98, has been at the center of the Knights' playoff run. He scored the lone goal in the title game Saturday morning.

"We've got a little bit of team magic," Triad coach Mike Villa said. "We haven't had a great year. To be playing for the sectional title and to win would make it a great year."

Hellon scored his goal in the first half came with an assist

He is getting hot at the right time.

Mike Villa
Triad coach
about Joe Hellon

from Matt Spotsak, who fought a ball into the box for Hellon to head into the net.

The goal was Hellon's ninth in three postseason games. He had four goals each against O'Fallon and Edwardsville.

"He is getting hot at the right time," Villa said. "He's been a consistent all year. He comes out and plays hard all the time."

The sophomore goalkeeper Jeremy Evans contributed a save on a penalty kick in the second half to keep Highland off the board.

"It was perfect right," Villa said. "The shot wasn't perfectly in corner and he came up with a big save. It was at the right height to save it but if he doesn't guess right, you would have been a goal." Jeremy Evans, when we needed him, he came up big."

"(It's the save) enabled the kids to believe we can still win. It was certainly a great win for these kids beating their rival and a good win for the program."

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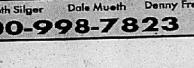
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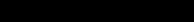


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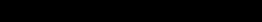
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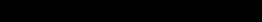
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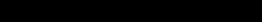
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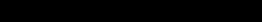
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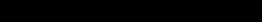
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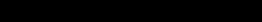
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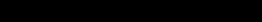
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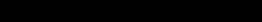
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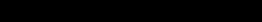
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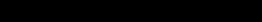
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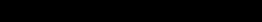
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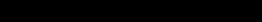
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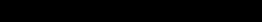
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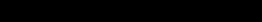
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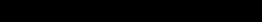
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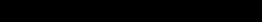
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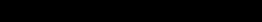
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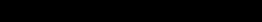
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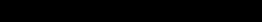
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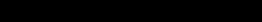
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Sports

Hoffman recognized at parks district banquet

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City Parks District had its awards banquet on Tuesday night. There were 500 people in attendance, including four luminaries of local athletics.

St. Louis Cardinals President Mark Lamping, St. Louis Rams linebacker Mike Jones, World Champion Formula 1 Powerboat Racer and Granite City native Bill Seibold, and St. Louis-based sports agent Harold Lewis were the four guest speakers assembled to speak to the summer's victors.

"They spoke to the teams that won trophies this summer in youth baseball and softball leagues," said Kevin

Granite City native Seibold among guest speakers at event

Wozniak, recreational supervisor for Granite City Parks District. "For the Park District and the kids, it shows their name in person. It shows them that we are real people behind the helmets etc. behind the wheel of the speedboat. It shows the kids that their dreams can be accomplished."

Wozniak has been the supervisor

of the park since 1986. "It was a special award for procuring grant money to help the district."

Wozniak has been in the supervisor position since 1986, but the most special honor of the evening was reserved for his predecessor, Ray Hoffman.

"We presented Ray with a special appreciation award for service to the Granite City Park District," Wozniak said. "It is the highest honor we can

bestow. It was to show our appreciation for everything he has done for the Park District over the years. Every year we give an appreciation award, and this year, Ray got it. He certainly deserves it."

"Ray spent nine years as the recreational supervisor for the parks. He started umpiring in 1969. He helped organize the first youth baseball and bowling on a volunteer basis. He has been working since 1969 with Little Leagues, softball, basketball tournaments and leagues, bowling leagues. You name it, Ray has done it for the parks. For as long as I can remember, Ray has been

"For that many people to think that much of you, it does something to you."

Ray Hoffman
Former recreational supervisor

a part of it."

"I was very, very humbled," Hoffman said. "I almost lost it. All those people standing and clapping for me. For that many people to think that much of you, it does something to you."

Gurnee Warren rallies past No. 4 Edwardsville

Blue Devils score 17 fourth-quarter points to advance

By Greg Shashack
Staff writer

With the harsh reality of Edwardsville's loss still hovering over the Sports Complex, coach Tim Doughtery stood at midfield and tried to sift through ashes of a season that ended too soon.

"Playoffs, unless you win, always seem tough," Doughtery said after Tom DePietro's 27-yard field goal on the game's final play gave Gurnee Warren a 17-14 victory over Edwardsville in the opening round of the Class 6A playoffs. "I don't know if there's anything to be done."

At the end of that long walk to the locker room waited a team devastated with an early postseason exit after a 9-0 regular season.

Warren, the No. 29 seed, the made the six-yard trip from near the Wisconsin border and looked every bit like the rallying from a 14-0 halftime deficit to pull out the victory with 17 points in the fourth quarter.

"They aren't even words to describe this,"

Edwardsville senior Joe Bevin said. Edwardsville's defense beat Warren, which improves to 7-3, to just 10 yards total offense and no first downs in the first half. The Tigers, meanwhile, cut through the Blue Devils for 184 yards of offense, posting touchdown runs of 3 and 7 yards from Travis Evans to take a 14-0 lead to halftime.

"We weren't doing anything, we had nine

plays in the first half," Warren coach Dave Wozniak said. "Our defense kept us in the game. ... I don't know, it was a strange game."

Then when Doughtery's team was trailing Class AA state race champion in the 200 meters, turned a short pass into a 51-yard gain, cut the Tigers. And they couldn't stop the bleeding.

"That seemed to be the one that flipped the switch," Mohapp said.

DePietro said, "That started our engine, I think."

Daniels' 4-yard touchdown run cut the deficit to 14-7 with 11:30 left in the fourth quarter.

Warren's next drive covered 82 yards, sustained by a personal foul penalty that spared the Blue Devils a third-and-9 situation at their own 31.

They tied the game on another 4-yard TD run from Daniels with 3:20 left in the game.

I think the first half, we were a little bit intimated by the first half. They're 9-0 and their size, they're really big."

But the Tigers' size couldn't stop the Devils in the fourth quarter. After stopping Edwardsville without a first down, Warren got the ball back at its own 12 with 2:04 left. C.J. Baker's run of 16 and 7 yards set up DePietro's game-winning boot.

"I didn't want to get into overtime with them," Mohapp said. "That's a powerful offense, and I don't know how long we could hang in there with them."

Evans led the Tigers with 100 yards on 26 carries.

Officials cry foul on filmmakers scouting prep football games

You've seen them - parents, grandparents, friends - carrying camcorders into high school sporting events with hopes of getting film that will last for a lifetime.

The problem is that some high school football games this fall, scouts from schools who have not yet gotten an edge on an opponent have become mixed with other film-

takers.

Apparently, this happened with somewhere between member Alton being filmed by Quincy and with South Seven Conference member O'Fallon (which will enter the SWC next year) and the tape by Columbia (Mo.) Hickman.

"There's not much you can do about it," said O'Fallon Coach Gary Bridell, whose Panthers were the only team to come through coming at O'Fallon Oct. 16. The Kewpies left with a 55-14 victory.

However, officials of the Southwestern Conference agreed recently to form a policy and submit to the Illinois High School Association that prohibits the practice of schools filming an opponent but seldom enforces the rule.

Overtime

The recent paralysis of a football player at Rolling Meadows High School in Northern Illinois sent a reminder to all prep coaches and even those on the little league level: The practice site must be as safe as that of the game.

At Rolling Meadows, 6-foot-1, 175-pound Kurt Komosa was tackled by three players during a scrimmage and driven into a metal fence.

The junior running back fractured two vertebrae in his neck when his head hit a fence post approximately 12 feet beyond the sidelines of the practice field.

A Rolling Meadows spokesman said the wonder how lucky players have been at the Belleville Township Stadium where the corner of the end zone near the scoreboard is

less than 10 feet from the playing field.

Today's bigger and faster prep football athletes are leaving me wondering how long it will be before a player is driven into a team bench on either side of the Township field.

Extra Innings

Boston newspapers referred to former Belleville West baseball star Brian Daubach as the "Belleville Basher" this season.

With his hitting streak of 17 after some of his achievements, the ninth-year pro credited manager Jimmy Williams "for not giving up on us."

A late-season slump saw Daubach's average drop from the .320s to .290, but Williams never gave up on him.

And even after an 0-for-6 performance in a postseason game,

Williams had Daubach hitting third at Cleveland, where he had two doubles and a single as the Red Sox advanced to the American League Championship Series.

If he doesn't get Manager of the Year, it's a joke," Daubach said of Williams, who also had no problems in bat the left-handed rookie against left-handed pitching.

Among the Daubach fans who predicted the Red Sox comeback was former baseball player Ted Tedesco of Belleville.

Footnote

In a reference to Homer Bush on an All Century Illinois high school football team drew a request from R.J. Krause of East Louis.

Bush, currently the No. 1 second baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays, caught 70 passes for 1,431 yards and 22 touchdowns during his senior year (1990) at East St. Louis Senior High School.



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Atkins finds his stride again after incident at SWC meet

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for the sectionals that they can both step it up even further."

"I think we did have done better at sectionals," Atkins said. "We are doing pretty good as a team so far. I think come Saturday, if we all have good races, I think we can go on to state. The top five teams go, and right now pretty much those five teams are Granite City, Centralia, Edwardsville, and Peoria. Right now we leave us, Salem, Mount Vernon, teams like that fighting for the spots. We have beaten Salem before, we have beaten Mount Vernon before this season. So I

think if we have a good meet we can come out and go up to state."

"We want to try to get the whole group backed up with us. Right now basically what I am going to try to see is get each team to do Saturday is run well above the other runners and then instead we will key in the runner from Granite in front of them and try to beat them. If we can keep doing that, if we can each build up on the kid from Granite, from front of them, that is going to make all of us better to each other," Atkins said.

"If we can do that, no matter where we come in, I think we can build on our places. What we need is to run as a good, tight pack. We'll see if we can do it."

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Hometown Stars

Granite City's Kevin Greene: An All-Pro hometowner

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City South graduate Kevin Greene is known for his flowing blonde locks and ferocious football dashes. He's past 14 seasons.

Greene has made a name for himself as a defensive end/outside linebacker in the National Football League.

Greene was a two-year varsity starter at South. He also played basketball and was a high jumper on the track team.

Greene attended Auburn

University and walked on to the football team. In his senior season, Greene led the Tigers in sacks with 11. Greene finished with 69 career tackles at Auburn and graduated with degrees in criminal justice.

The Los Angeles Rams drafted Greene in the fifth round of the 1985 draft with the 131st overall pick.

He played in 15 games in his rookie season, most of them on special teams.

Greene did manage 15 tackles from the defensive line in limited duty.

After three seasons as a backup, Greene started 14 of 16 games in 1988 and then started all 63 games for the Rams from 1989 to '92. He led the Rams in sacks in four seasons, posting career highs of 16.5 sacks in 1988 and '92.

Prior to the 1993 season, Greene signed as a free agent with Pittsburgh, where he would enjoy his greatest individual and team success. After leading the Steelers in sacks in '93, Greene led the NFL in sacks in '94 with 14. In addi-

tion to Pro Bowl and numerous All-Pro selections, Greene was voted the AFC Linebacker of the Year by the NFL Players Association.

In 1995, Greene notched his seventh consecutive season of not missing a start and led the Steelers to an appearance in the Super Bowl, in which they lost to the Dallas Cowboys. Greene also recorded the 100th sack of his career during the '95 season.

The following season, Greene signed with the

Carolina Panthers and helped the team to the NFC Championship game, in which they lost to the Packers. Greene led the league that year with 14.5 sacks to win his second sack title. He made the Pro Bowl for the fourth time, including his first start in the NFL's all-star game.

After a one-year stint with the Franciscos in 1997, Greene returned to Carolina and earned his fifth Pro Bowl selection after tying for third in the league with 15 sacks. He also recorded

66 tackles, forced one fumble, recovered one fumble, intercepted two passes and forced a team-high 36 quarterback hits.

This fall, Greene is marking his 15th season in the NFL and once again is a member of the Panthers.

A former captain in the Army Reserves, Greene owns a home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He and wife, Tara, live in Charlotte.

Greene has posted 85.5 of his 148 career sacks after the age of 30, proving that he gets better with age.

Belleville's Buddy Ebsen is a television immortal

By Christopher England
Staff writer

In 1908 in Belleville, a star was born to a turn-of-the-century physical instructor, Professor Christian L. Ebsen, and his German housewife, Frances Wendt-Ebsen. The

boy's name was Ludolph L. Ebsen, later to be known to the world as Buddy Ebsen, renowned stage star and television giant.

Buddy's parents were well known around the area at the start of the 20th century as well-educated, physically

fit people who owned a beach and summer resort on Lebanon Avenue.

The "Natatorium" sat on 7 acres of land near the present Lake Christine area in the north end of Belleville.

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Buddy Ebsen through the years: On the left, as a young actor in Hollywood when he appeared with Judy Garland and Shirley Temple; center, in his role as Jed Clampett from 'The Beverly Hillbillies'; and at right, as he appears today in retirement.

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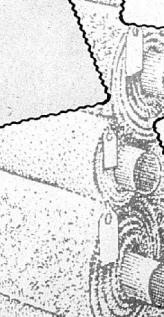
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Hometown Stars

Columbia T.J. Mathews: a top relief pitcher

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Columbia native T.J. Mathews continued to carve his niche as a dependable Major League Baseball reliever in 1999.

Mathews, who pitches for the Oakland Athletics of the American League, went 9-5 with three saves and a 3.81-earned run average this season. The 30-year-old allowed 46 hits in 59 innings.

Opponents also batted just .215 against Mathews, who now is 29-22 overall with 15 saves in five Major League campaigns.

"This season was great," said Mathews, who has a career ERA of 3.38. "I was healthy."

Mathews began his MLB career with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1995 before he,

Blake Stein and Eric Ludwick were traded to the A's for slugger Mark McGwire on July 31, 1997.

In three years of National League service with St. Louis, Mathews, who was selected in the fourth round of the June 1992 free-agent draft by the Cardinals, finished with a 7-11 record, eight saves and a 2.49 ERA.

Mathews is 22-11 with seven saves for Oakland since.

Despite his success, Mathews endured some adversity in his latest campaign. After overcoming a shoulder injury early in 1999, Mathews, a 1988 Columbia High graduate, encountered elbow problems late in the season.

"It was unfortunate," Mathews said. "They told me I was going to be the closer.

I was pitching so well, and I didn't want to say anything. But I couldn't perform."

"Some days I couldn't even throw. I feel like I had the opportunity to become the closer and let it slip through my fingers."

The Cards forced Mathews to miss several games in early September. He still appeared frequently during the final month.

"The first of September is when it really started to bother me," Mathews said. "I pitched quite a bit in September. I fought through the pain but it was day-to-day in September."

Mathews flew to Los Angeles last week to have his right elbow surgery.

He said doctors planned to drain some fluid from the elbow while also removing two bone spurs.

Mathews, who had surgery for the first time in his career, said the procedure was not major. He expects to be fully recovered by Christmas.

Overall, Mathews' performance in 1999 helped Oakland improve dramatically from 1998.

The A's finished 87-75 this season, eight games behind Texas in the American League Western Division. Oakland also finished seven games behind the Boston Red Sox in the wild card race.

Oakland was 74-88 in 1998 and finished 14 games out of first place.

"I don't think a lot of people before this season expected us to do what we did," Mathews said. "If you would've asked people before the season if we would have

been 12 or 13 games over .500, they would not have believed it. I don't think a lot of the players would have either."

"We had a lot of players have career years and guys that had good years. No one had a bad year and that allows us to have the success we did."

The acquisitions of Kevin Appier, Randy Velarde, Gregg McMichael and Brighton resident Jason Isringhausen at the July 31 trade deadline helped Oakland remain in the wild card chase until late September.

But the Red Sox, who received key contributions from Belleville native Brian Daubach, had a season eventually pulled away.

During one stretch late in the season, the A's went 13-6

but lost 4 1/2 games in the standings to the Red Sox, who were 18-2 during the same period.

"That's tough," Mathews said. "We played really well up until the trading deadline. We made a couple of key acquisitions and pick-ups that really put us in the hunt for the wild card."

After signing a one-year deal with Oakland last year, Mathews expects to return with the A's in 2000. Mathews, who someday hopes to be a closer, said contract talks typically take place in December.

"I'll be back in Oakland in 2000 to possibly the year after," Mathews said.

"But there aren't any guarantees in baseball."

Jackie Joyner-Kersee: one of our Olympic greats

By April Calvin
Staff writer

An East St. Louis legend, Jackie Joyner-Kersee remains a positive force even in retirement.

"I think I've been busier since I retired," said Joyner-Kersee.

Though best known for her athletic achievements, Joyner-Kersee is proudest of her grassroots efforts to improve the lives of others like herself.

"The dream for me was always to help others so they could be successful...to be proud of our roots and proud of our community," Joyner-Kersee noted. "There are some that fall victim to their environment...they lose sight of their goals."

Born Jacqueline Joyner on March 3, 1962, she remained in the same community center near her home. Returning to East St. Louis years later, Joyner-Kersee was dismayed to find it closed.

"I always wanted to give something back to the community," said Joyner-Kersee. And her Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation, in Jones Park, is her way of doing that. Some \$10 million raised for the project was divided between funds for construction, and a trust to cover maintenance and operating costs. A statue of her stands at the center's entrance, listing her accomplishments.

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"The dream for me was always to help others so they could be successful...to be proud of our roots and proud of our community."

Jackie Joyner-Kersee

instrumentality in the project, Joyner-Kersee explained her intentions — simply, "My goal is to continue to raise money for my foundation."

The center offers a variety of events, activities and

programs to area residents of all ages. Joyner-Kersee hopes to add a swimming pool and an asthma awareness. She envisions the center as a place where people can go for enrichment, to do things they can't do at home, and as a true boon to the community.

Joyner-Kersee's athletic career is among the most memorable in history.

She has been called the "World's Greatest Female Athlete, Queen of Track and Field, and Sporting News' Woman of the Year for 1988." Joyner-Kersee has won six Olympic medals: three gold, one silver and two bronze. She has set records in track and field events, only to break them.

"You have to work hard," Joyner-Kersee said frankly.

Following the recent loss of her mother, Florence Griffith-Joyner, Joyner-Kersee remembered her fondness for children.

"In Florence's short life

there was much joy. I really cherishes her friendship.

Even though we know she's

God's hands, we still miss her. It's very difficult."

Joyner-Kersee's philosophy: every bit as upbeat as one might expect from a woman with such an impressive list of achievements.

"My advice to young people is to always believe in yourself and to believe in your dreams," she said. "You have to be willing to commit yourself to work

hard, and not use your obstacles as an excuse.

Don't compare yourself to others," Joyner-Kersee advised. "Everything is relative, really."

"A lot of times we give up

because we're not willing to go that extra mile," she said.

And it is that extra effort, she said, that will ultimately lead to success.

If you're willing to keep pushing yourself, to keep trying, you'll reach your goals."

"For me, my greatest achievement was graduating from college," Joyner-Kersee. She earned her degree from UCLA in 1985, majoring in history, with an African history focus.

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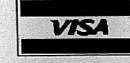


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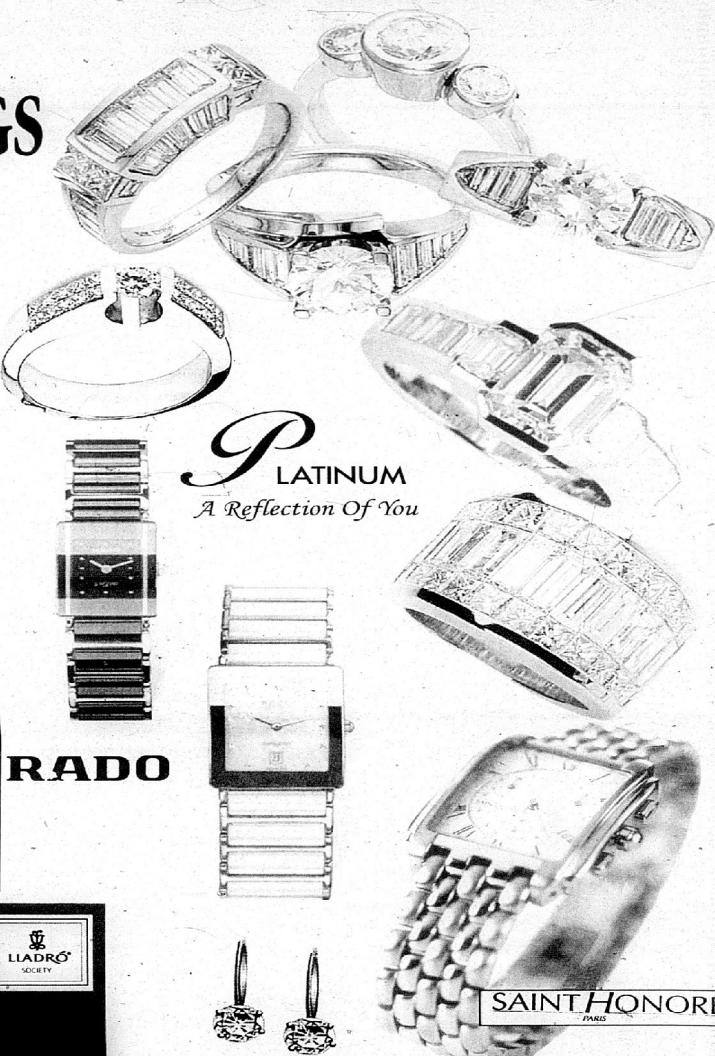


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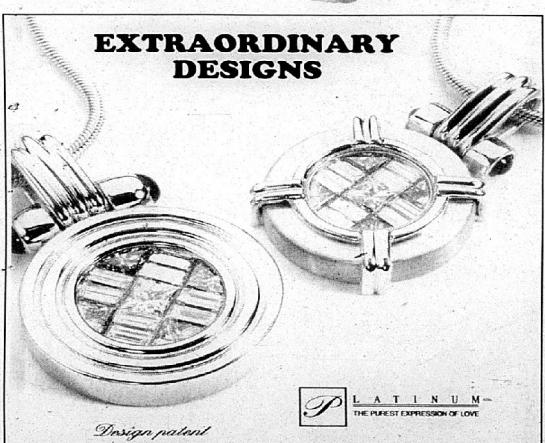
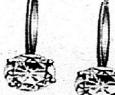
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Saturn's mid-sized wagon focuses on practicality

By Tom Strongman

Considering the popularity of minivans and sport-utility vehicles, you might think station wagons are a thing of the past, but Saturn clearly thinks otherwise.

So much so, in fact, that when it came time to expand its lineup by adding the mid-sized wagons, a station wagon was imperative. Saturn thinks it may account for 20 percent of the L-Series sales, and well if might because neither the Toyota Camry nor Honda Accord offers station wagons, and those models are among the L-Series' fiercest competitors.

The Series, built in Saturn's second plant in Arlington, is heavily based on the Opel Vectra from General Motors' German division. As such, it has a distinctly European flavor, particularly in the way it drives and the design of the interior. The base model is longer than a Vectra for a longer wheelbase and bigger interior.

The exterior has been changed extensively to accommodate

Saturn's popular polymer plastic body panels on the front fenders. The hood, trunk lid and rear quarter panels are steel.

Exterior styling retains numerous standard appointments of cargo space and road noise. The station wagon is attractive to me, because it has the sedan's comfort and handling yet it is capable of hauling substantial amounts of cargo.

There are two levels, the LW1 and LW2. The key difference between the two can be found under the hood. The LW1 has a 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine while the LW2 has a 2.3-liter V-6. Since I drove a V-6-engined sedan some weeks back, it seemed prudent to check out a station wagon with the smaller engine.

The only doubt that the V-6, with 182 horsepower, is preferable to the 137-horsepower four-cylinder, especially in a car that weighs 3,482 pounds, is the four-cylinder starts away from a stop with less vigor than the V-6 does once rolling. It does just fine. It felt quite good on the highway.

Choosing the LW1 over the LW2 has two important advantages: It starts at \$3,330 less and it's better for the mileage. For buyers who put cost and economy first, the LW1 is the best choice.

Aside from the engine, the differences between the LW1 and LW2 are minimal. Both models are pretty well equipped. Anti-lock brakes, independent traction control, abs, sunroof, and the leather seat package, which includes in-seat adjustable and heated seats, is another \$1,095.

Suspension is by MacPherson struts, front and multi-link in back. While the ride is biased toward comfort, it still has a nice firmness to it.

Inside, the LW1 is much more elegant than the smaller Series. Large, readable gauges dominate the instrument panel, which is covered with a leather-like texture that is most appealing. The overall look is simple, clean and subtle.

The test car's optional leather bucket seats were most pleasant.

Power window switches are placed on the console, thanks to its European roots, but I prefer them on the door panels.

The air conditioning system has an air filtration system to catch dust, soot and other impurities.

Air bags are legend; it is more than adequate. The split seat has a pull-down center armrest with built-in cup holders. The cargo area is finished with thick carpet and a padded security cover.

By offering a mid-sized wagon when its competition doesn't, Saturn positions itself to capture a segment of business it might lose to folks who want more versatility than a sedan but without the bulk of an SUV.

The base price of our test car was \$18,835. Options included floor mats, anti-lock brakes with traction control, fog lights, upgraded audio system with CD player, heated seats, leather upholstery and a power driver's seat.

The sticker price was \$21,850. The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

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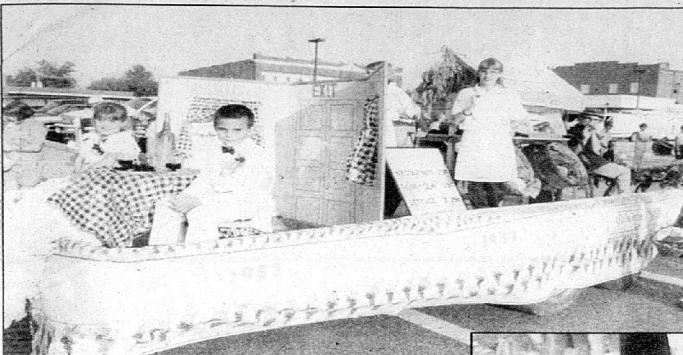
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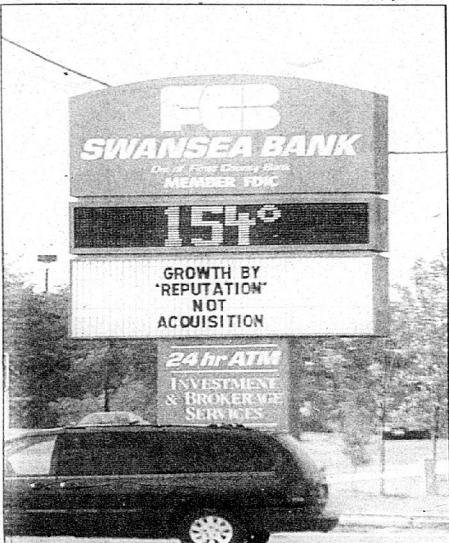
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The weather got a little warm in late July, but really not as bad as it seemed (left). It was a good season for hometown fun (above and below) and Ferris wheels (right). It was just a good season.



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St. Louis Weather bureau looking for storm spotters

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

The National Weather Service Bureau in St. Louis

has some of the most sophisticated radar equipment in the nation, but it isn't enough.

The weather service would need to install radar every 20 feet to get exact storm information for every community, said Jim Kramper, storm warning coordination meteorologist for much of eastern Missouri and southern Illinois.

"And at \$3 million or \$4 million a pop, that isn't going to happen," Kramper said.

Instead, the weather service relies on storm spotters to call the bureau (1-800-652-7487) about such severe weather incidents as

dime-size hail, strong winds, street flooding and, in the most extreme cases, tornadoes.

The winter service is looking for more city residents to be storm spotters.

"We need to build up our base of weather spotters in the city," Kramper said at a SKYWARN Spotter Training Class last Thursday night at the St. Louis Senior Center, 5602 Arsenal St.

Often, the bureau uses reports from its storm spotters to issue weather watches and warnings to the community. Nothing, even radar, beats looking out the window.

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said Kramper, who works in the weather service's St.

Charles office. "I can be highly sure. But do I know for sure? No. I need someone to tell me. You're near the storm. You know what's happening."

To become an official SKYWARN storm spotter, residents must attend one of the weather service's two-hour classes and then fill out a form that then goes into the service's computer.

For dates and locations of future SKYWARN classes, Kramper recommends residents call either the city Emergency Management Agency at 622-3510 or the county EMA at 468-9141.

"You get an official number and this tells us when you call in that you probably know more about storms and weather systems than the average citizen," Kramper said.

Spotters should tell the weather service meteorologist what is happening, where it is happening and which direction the storm is moving.

As for tips, quarter-size hail is about 1 inch in diameter. Large bunches of dust and twigs in 25 to 31 mph winds. Entire trees begin swaying in 32 to 38 mph gusts and twigs start breaking off trees at 39 mph. Gusts of 55 mph push over small trees and damage chimneys.

The worst storms, of course, seem to hit St. Louis in the spring and summer about as often as Big Mac hits home runs. The strongest storms produce large hail, damaging winds and frequent lightning strikes.

On average, 27 tornadoes

hit Missouri each year. A famous twister in 1896 barreled through LaSalle Street. Another in 1959 tore off part of the Arena roof. Wind speeds inside a tornado can reach speeds in excess of 250 mph.

Kramper discourages residents from chasing tornadoes in their cars.

"That's the last thing I want people to do," he said.

"We just want information. You can do this by sitting in your home and looking out the window every once in awhile."

The combination of high-tech equipment and reports from storm spotters is saving lives, Kramper said.

"With radar, we've been able to issue tornado warnings as long as 10 minutes before the tornado forms," he said. "We get successes and we get failures, but we just don't want to miss anything."

Park District offers Nashville trip

Last overnight trip for 1999 is 3 days in Tennessee

The Granite City Park District is offering its last overnight trip for 1999 the weekend of Dec. 3 through 5.

GRANITE CITY — This three-day vacation will reverse doing both.

The sign-up day for the trip is 8 a.m. Oct. 29 at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

This is a "must" tour for country music lovers as the first evening will include a Southern buffet dinner and entertainment at the new Nashville Nightlife Theatre that features one of six major stars and other lesser-known musical groups. Prior to the dinner and the show, time will be allowed for Christmas shopping at the Factory Merchants Mall after lunch at Lubys Cafeteria and a little time for rest at the Wilson Inn, where the group will stay while in Nashville.

A deluxe continental breakfast will be served each day. An early morning tour of the Opryland Hotel will be made while the facility is less busy, and then it's on to Franklin,

Tenn., where the group will be split, with one half boarding a smaller coach for a tour of the states others will be shopping in the quaint downtown area. This will reverse with all travelers doing both.

The next stop will be on Second Street in downtown Nashville where time will be allowed to browse and shop at the Rock Cafe, NASCAR Cafe, Wild Horse Saloon, Cotton Eye Joe's, etc. The remaining time in the afternoon will include a visit back to the Opryland Hotel for a visit to the Christmas Craft Show. Those who wish to attend before an Italian dinner at Cat Avanti, also in the hotel that is fully decorated for the Christmas season with miles of red ribbon, garlands and poinsettias inside and over a million lights outside.

For dinner, the group will attend the 6:30 p.m. performance of the World Famous Grand Ole Opry.

Day three will include a visit to "The Hermitage".

home of the late president Andrew Jackson after breakfast and then depart the Nashville area for home. Lunch and browsing time will be at Patti's 1880 Settlement in Grand Rivers, Ky.

The cost of the trip will be \$305 for a single reservation, \$260 per person for two in a room, \$220 per person for a triple and \$225 per person for a quad. This is \$3 more than advertised previously.

One person can sign up for one room, with proof of residency being presented for each person unless husband and wife are traveling. Details will be placed on a waiting list and notified of availability one week later.

The trip cost includes motorcoach transportation, hotel, two shows and five meals. For those choosing to attend the craft show, a fee will be paid by each individual at that time.

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Benefit to be held for Walden baby

By Christopher England
Staff Writer

Unfortunately in our world, there are incidents which are just plain unfair,

and the case of Brendon Walden

is certainly one of those incidents.

Brendon, who is only 6 months old, is in dire need of a liver transplant. Brendon weighs over 10 pounds and has recently been placed on the transplant list where he awaits the very serious surgery.

The serious situation has brought a strong show of support from friends, volunteers and family members

who are holding a benefit for Brendon at the Elks Lodge, 1481 S. Illinois St. in Belleville Nov. 14.

This event will include live music by the Avery Hill Band, says Tom Kuhlmann, founder and co-chair of the National Foundation for Transplants regarding Brendon Walden.

"The registration and association with the 'National Foundation for Transplants' means that all funds are guaranteed to go directly to medical expenses and are tax-deductible within the guidelines of the law," said Kuhlmann.

The projected cost over and above insurance coverage without complications are estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Any direct financial donations in the form of a check should be made payable to National Foundation for Transplants-Brendon Walden Fund and mailed to Brendon Walden Fund, c/o 33 Kimberlin Lane, Belleville, 62220.

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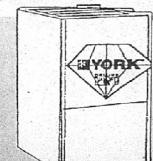
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